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It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God ; but a blessed thing it is, and will bring us to everlasting blessedness in the end, when God speaketh unto us, to hearken ; when he setteth his word before us, to read it ; when he stretcheth out his hand and calleth, to answer, Here am I, here are we to do thy will, O God. The Lord work a care and conscience in us to know him and serve him, that we may be acknowledged of him at the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with the Holy Ghost be all praise and thanksgiving. Amen.

*(From "The Translators to the Reader" of the Authorised Version, 1611.)*

Blessed Lord, which hast caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning : grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*(From the Scottish Prayerbook of 1637.)*

Great and glorious Lord God, Maker of heaven and earth, and Ruler of angels and of men, who art infinitely exalted above the highest of our thoughts, look down from Thy heavenly dwelling-place, and behold in mercy Thy poor creatures, who are here humbled before Thee, to adore and worship Thy divine Majesty ; to acknowledge our sins, and beg Thy mercy and favour ; to learn our duty from Thy Word, and be further engaged to Thy service and obedience. Raise our souls unto Thyself, O God ; and bow down Thy gracious ears to hear our prayers. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord our Strength and our Redeemer.

To this end, bless us in reading and hearing Thy holy Word, that it may instruct our judgments, and affect our hearts, and rule our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(From Henry Scougal's "Morning Service for the Cathedral Church of Aberdeen, 1675-1688.")*



## PREFACE

THE Bible is a catholic book ; it is not meant for any single church or country. If I call this manual " A Book of Biblical Devotions for members of the Scottish Church," it is simply because the Scottish Church has been for various reasons specially dependent upon the scriptures for the expression of her devotional life. I have therefore arranged a series of passages from the Bible as follows. In the first place, the psalter. Our early Order of Service begins by declaring that "the book of psalms shall be read through once every month " in public worship. It was with the psalter in her hands that the Church lived and worked from the beginning ; it was a fifth gospel for her in the middle ages, and in our own country she read Christ in its pages. The psalms are God speaking to man, man speaking to God, and man speaking to man about God. This rough division has been followed in the next sections of the manual, where I have arranged a number of passages from the rest of the Bible, to illustrate God's promises, commands and appeals, and then the prayers and praises of man, concluding with passages which voice man's encouragement to his fellows on the path of faith and hope. It has not always been easy to place a passage. Sometimes a man who is speaking in the name of God, as directly inspired, utters a word which ceases to be, in the strict sense of the term, a human word. Thus a saying like, *As thy days, so shall thy strength be*, is in one aspect an encouragement given by one man to his fellows, in another a direct promise of the God who speaks through him. However, this difficulty is not insuperable. Neither, I think, is the wider objection that God speaks to man in events as well



as in words, and that sayings alone are not a sufficient expression of what He reveals. In confining the passages chosen to utterances, I do not ignore for a moment the devotional value of the stories; God does speak to the heart and conscience of man through incidents and events in history and in his own experience, and through these again a man expresses his own hope and courage. But there is some gain in isolating the words from their historical context. It may serve to let them come through to ourselves more vividly and directly, and to remind us of what we are apt to forget, even in our critical preoccupation with the Bible, that God not only spoke these words but is speaking through them still to the faith and need of our own life. Their force was not exhausted in their immediate sphere. Thus the Old Testament promise, *I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee*, is echoed and appropriated, centuries later, by a writer of the New Testament for himself and his church in a situation very different from the martial environment of the original word. For

“Not upon kings or priests alone  
The power of that dear word is spent.”

So with all the living words of scripture. Their power is not spent; when we place our lives before them in the practice of meditation, we discover that through them the living God has something still to say to ourselves in another century and country, and that they come instinctively to our lips as we attempt to speak to Him. It is in the hope of producing this effect that I have isolated the sayings of the Bible printed in the following pages. Emerson speaks somewhere of the impression made by Raphael's "Transfiguration." "A calm benignant beauty shines over all this picture," he says, "and goes directly to the heart. It seems almost to call you by name. The sweet and sublime face of Jesus is beyond praise. This familiar, simple, home-speaking countenance is as if one should meet a friend. The knowledge of picture-dealers has its value, but listen not to their criticism when your heart is



touched by genius. It was not painted for them, it was painted for you ; for such as had eyes capable of being touched by simplicity and lofty emotions." Historical criticism has its own place, like art criticism, but the words of the Bible are meant also for those who desire to see a divine Face looking at them and to hear a divine Voice calling them by name. If this selection of passages from scripture helps any to realise this desire of the soul, if it brings any reader into the presence-chamber of the living God till old words become new and the Voice is heard speaking, and speaking to us here and now, the purpose of the manual will have been achieved.

For the sake of the devotional associations that cling to it, the text of the Authorised Version has been printed. It has been used by the Scottish Church for three centuries, and no native version ever rivalled it. No references to chapter and verse have been printed. I did not wish to insert anything that might divert the mind of the reader from the directness of the words, anything that might suggest their local origin. Besides, those who know their Bibles will know where the passages come from ; and, if any readers are uncertain, it will be good for them to track a saying down, even if they have to do so, limping on the crutch of a concordance.

The Scottish Church, as I have hinted, has been poor in collects and liturgical aids, as compared with the English Church, for example ; it has sometimes forgotten that form and spirit are not necessarily at variance, and that forms may enshrine the spirit and breathe it out. Still, even in our Presbyterian discipline we have been richer than many people realise in set prayers for public worship and private devotion, although the well-meant but ill-advised deference to the extremist party of the English Puritans in the seventeenth century cost us losses which we have hardly yet been able to recover. I have therefore added some of these prayers at the end, especially a number of the so-called "Conclusions," a hundred and forty-nine in number, which were appended to

the psalter towards the end of the sixteenth century. I have modernised the spelling and punctuation occasionally, as this book is intended not for scholars but to further devotional ends; spelling which looks and sounds quaint to ourselves produces an impression of archaic and odd remoteness, which interferes with the deeper object of vivid and direct appeal.

Also, if our Church has not wide stores of collects, it has always been rich in catechisms. I have reprinted here and there some selections from these, from such as have been used if not composed by the Scottish Church, for the sake of their ethical stimulus as well as of their religious value. They were meant to instruct and apply the faith stirred by the Word. It is a function which they can still discharge for those who are willing to hear in that living Word the Voice of a living God, controlling and directing them in an intensely living world.

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## THE PSALTER

1. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the  
ungodly,  
nor standeth in the way of sinners,  
nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.  
But his delight is in the law of the Lord ;  
and in his law doth he meditate day and night.  
And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,  
that bringeth forth his fruit in his season ;  
his leaf also shall not wither ;  
and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.  
The ungodly are not so :  
but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.  
Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.  
For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous :  
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.
2. Why do the heathen rage,  
and the people imagine a vain thing ?  
The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together  
against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying,  
“ Let us break their bands asunder,  
and cast away their cords from us.”  
He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh :  
the Lord shall have them in derision.  
Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath,  
and vex them in his sore displeasure.  
“ Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.”  
I will declare the decree :  
“ the Lord hath said unto me,  
Thou art my Son ; this day have I begotten thee.

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Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance,

and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron ;

thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Be wise now therefore, O ye kings :

be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

Serve the Lord with fear,

and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry,

and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little.

Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

3. Lord, how are they increased that trouble me !

many are they that rise up against me.

Many there be which say of my soul,

"There is no help for him in God."

But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me ;

my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

I cried unto the Lord with my voice,

and he heard me out of his holy hill.

I laid me down and slept ;

I awaked ; for the Lord sustained me.

I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people,

that have set themselves against me round about.

Arise, O Lord ; save me, O my God :

for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone ;

thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.

Salvation belongeth unto the Lord :

thy blessing is upon thy people.

4. Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness :

thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress ;

have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame ?

how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing ?

But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself :

the Lord will hear when I call unto him.

Stand in awe, and sin not :

commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,  
and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say, " Who will show us any good ? "

Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart,  
more than in the time that their corn and their wine  
increased.

I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep :  
for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

5. Give ear to my words, O Lord,  
consider my meditation.

Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King and my God :  
for unto thee will I pray.

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord ;  
in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will  
look up.

For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness :  
neither shall evil dwell with thee.

The foolish shall not stand in thy sight :  
thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing :  
the Lord will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of  
thy mercy :

and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine  
enemies ;

make thy way straight before my face.

For there is no faithfulness in their mouth ;  
their inward part is very wickedness ;

their throat is an open sepulchre ;  
they flatter with their tongue.

Destroy thou them, O God ;

let them fall by their own counsels ;  
cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions ;  
for they have rebelled against thee.

But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice :

let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them ;  
let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous ;  
with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

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6. O Lord, rebuke me not in thine anger,  
neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.  
Have mercy upon me, O Lord ; for I am weak :  
O Lord, heal me ; for my bones are vexed.  
My soul also is sore vexed :  
but thou, O Lord, how long ?  
Return, O Lord, deliver my soul ;  
O save me for thy mercies' sake.  
For in death there is no remembrance of thee :  
in the grave who shall give thee thanks ?  
I am weary with my groaning ;  
all the night make I my bed to swim ;  
I water my couch with my tears.  
Mine eye is consumed because of grief ;  
it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.  
Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity ;  
for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.  
The Lord hath heard my supplication ;  
the Lord will receive my prayer.  
Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed :  
let them return and be ashamed suddenly.
7. O Lord my God, in thee do I put my trust :  
save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me :  
lest he tear my soul like a lion,  
rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.  
O Lord my God, if I have done this ;  
if there be iniquity in my hands ;  
if I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me ;  
(yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy :)  
let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it ;  
yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth,  
and lay mine honour in the dust.  
Arise, O Lord, in thine anger,  
lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies :  
and awake for me to the judgment that thou hast commanded.  
So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about :  
for their sakes therefore return thou on high.  
The Lord shall judge the people :  
judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness,  
and according to mine integrity that is in me.  
O let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end ;



but establish the just :  
for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.  
My defence is of God,  
which saveth the upright in heart.  
God judgeth the righteous,  
and God is angry with the wicked every day.  
If he turn not, he will whet his sword ;  
he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.  
He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death ;  
he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.  
Behold, he travaileth with iniquity,  
and hath conceived mischief,  
and brought forth falsehood.  
He made a pit, and digged it,  
and is fallen into the ditch which he made.  
His mischief shall return upon his own head,  
and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.  
I will praise the Lord according to his righteousness :  
and will sing praise to the name of the Lord most High.

8. O Lord our Lord,  
how excellent is thy name in all the earth !  
who has set thy glory above the heavens.  
Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained  
strength because of thine enemies,  
that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.  
When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained ;  
what is man, that thou art mindful of him ?  
and the son of man, that thou visitest him ?  
For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels,  
and hast crowned him with glory and honour.  
Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands ;  
thou hast put all things under his feet :  
all sheep and oxen,  
yea, and the beasts of the field ;  
the fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.  
O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth !

9. I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart ;  
I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.

I will be glad and rejoice in thee :

I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.

When mine enemies are turned back,

they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

For thou hast maintained my right and my cause ;

thou satest in the throne judging right.

Thou hast rebuked the heathen,

thou hast destroyed the wicked,

thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end :

and thou hast destroyed cities ;

their memorial is perished with them.

But the Lord shall endure for ever :

he hath prepared his throne for judgment.

And he shall judge the world in righteousness,

he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.

The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed,

a refuge in times of trouble.

And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee :

for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion :

declare among the people his doings.

When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them :

he forgetteth not the cry of the humble.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord ;

consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me,

thou that liftest me up from the gates of death :

that I may shew forth all thy praise

in the gates of the daughter of Zion :

I will rejoice in thy salvation.

The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made :

in the net which they hid is their own foot taken.

The Lord is known by the judgment which he executeth :

the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.

The wicked shall be turned into hell,

and all the nations that forget God.

For the needy shall not alway be forgotten :

the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.

Arise, O Lord ; let not man prevail :

let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

Put them in fear, O Lord :

that the nations may know themselves to be but men.

10. Why standest thou afar off, O Lord ?  
why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble ?  
The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor :  
let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.  
For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire,  
and blesseth the covetous, whom the Lord abhorreth.  
The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not  
seek after God :  
God is not in all his thoughts.  
His ways are always grievous ;  
thy judgments are far above out of his sight :  
as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.  
He hath said in his heart, " I shall not be moved :  
for I shall never be in adversity."  
His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud :  
under his tongue is mischief and vanity.  
He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages :  
in the secret places doth he murder the innocent :  
his eyes are privily set against the poor.  
He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den :  
he lieth in wait to catch the poor :  
he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his  
net.  
He croucheth and humbleth himself,  
that the poor may fall by his strong ones.  
He hath said in his heart, " God hath forgotten :  
he hideth his face ; he will never see it."  
Arise, O Lord ; O God, lift up thine hand :  
forget not the humble.  
Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God ?  
he hath said in his heart, " Thou wilt not require it."  
Thou hast seen it ; for thou beholdest mischief and spite,  
to requite it with thy hand :  
the poor committeth himself unto thee ;  
thou art the helper of the fatherless.  
Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man :  
seek out his wickedness till thou find none.  
The Lord is King for ever and ever :  
the heathen are perished out of his land.  
Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the humble :  
thou wilt prepare their heart,  
thou wilt cause thine ear to hear :

to judge the fatherless and the oppressed,  
that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

11. In the Lord put I my trust :  
how say ye to my soul,  
“ Flee as a bird to your mountain ” ?  
For lo, the wicked bend their bow,  
they make ready their arrow upon the string,  
that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.  
If the foundations be destroyed,  
what can the righteous do ?  
The Lord is in his holy temple,  
the Lord’s throne is in heaven :  
his eyes behold,  
his eyelids try, the children of men.  
The Lord trieth the righteous :  
but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul  
hateth.  
Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone,  
and a horrible tempest : this shall be the portion of their  
cup.  
For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness ;  
his countenance doth behold the upright.

12. Help, Lord ; for the godly man ceaseth ;  
for the faithful fail from among the children of men.  
They speak vanity every one with his neighbour :  
with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.  
The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips,  
and the tongue that speaketh proud things :  
who have said, “ With our tongue will we prevail ;  
our lips are our own : who is lord over us ? ”  
“ For the oppression of the poor,  
for the sighing of the needy,  
Now will I arise,” saith the Lord ;  
“ I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.”  
The words of the Lord are pure words :  
as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.  
Thou shalt keep them, O Lord,  
thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.  
The wicked walk on every side,  
when the vilest men are exalted.

13. How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord ? for ever ?

how long wilt thou hide thy face from me ?

how long shall I take counsel in my soul,

having sorrow in my heart daily ?

how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me ?

Consider and hear me, O Lord my God :

lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death ;

lest mine enemy say, " I have prevailed against him " ;

and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

But I have trusted in thy mercy ;

my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

I will sing unto the Lord,

because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

14. The fool hath said in his heart, " There is no God."

They are corrupt,

they have done abominable works,

there is none that doeth good.

The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men,

to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.

They are all gone aside, they are altogether become filthy :

there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge ?

who eat up my people as they eat bread,

and call not upon the Lord.

There were they in great fear :

for God is in the generation of the righteous.

You have shamed the counsel of the poor,

because the Lord is his refuge.

O that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion !

when the Lord bringeth back the captivity of his people,

Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

15. Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle ?

who shall dwell in thy holy hill ?

he that walketh uprightly,

and worketh righteousness,

and speaketh the truth in his heart.

He that backbiteth not with his tongue,

nor doeth evil to his neighbour,

nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

In whose eyes a vile person is contemned ;

but he honoureth them that fear the Lord.  
 He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not,  
 he that putteth not out his money to usury,  
 nor taketh a reward against the innocent :  
 he that doeth these things shall never be moved.

**16. Preserve me, O God :**

for in thee do I put my trust.  
 O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord,  
 " Thou art my Lord :  
 my goodness extendeth not to thee ;  
 but to the saints that are in the earth,  
 and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight."  
 Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god :  
 their drink offerings of blood will I not offer,  
 nor take up their names into my lips.  
 The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup :  
 thou maintainest my lot.  
 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places ;  
 yea, I have a goodly heritage.  
 I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel :  
 my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.  
 I have set the Lord always before me :  
 because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.  
 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth :  
 my flesh also shall rest in hope.  
 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell ;  
 neither wilt thou suffer thine holy one to see corruption.  
 Thou wilt shew me the path of life :  
 in thy presence is fulness of joy ;  
 at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

**17. Hear the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry,**

give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.  
 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence ;  
 let thine eyes behold the things that are equal.  
 Thou hast proved mine heart ;  
 thou hast visited me in the night ;  
 thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing ;  
 I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.  
 Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips  
 I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.

Hold up my goings in thy paths,  
that my footsteps slip not.  
I have called upon thee,  
for thou wilt hear me, O God :  
incline thine ear unto me,  
and hear my speech.  
Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness,  
O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their  
trust in thee  
from those that rise up against them.  
Keep me as the apple of the eye,  
hide me under the shadow of thy wings,  
from the wicked that oppress me,  
from my deadly enemies, who compass me about.  
They are enclosed in their own fat :  
with their mouth they speak proudly.  
They have now compassed us in our steps :  
they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth ;  
like as a lion that is greedy of his prey,  
and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.  
Arise, O Lord, disappoint him, cast him down ;  
deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword :  
from men which are thy hand, O Lord,  
from men of the world, which have their portion in this life,  
and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure :  
they are full of children,  
and leave the rest of their substance to their babes.  
As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness :  
I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

**18.** I will love thee, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer ;  
my God, my strength, in whom I will trust ;  
my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.  
I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised :  
so shall I be saved from mine enemies.  
The sorrows of death compassed me,  
and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.  
The sorrows of hell compassed me about :  
the snares of death prevented me.  
In my distress I called upon the Lord,  
and cried unto my God :

he heard my voice out of his temple,  
and my cry came before him, even into his ears.  
Then the earth shook and trembled ;  
the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken,  
because he was wroth.  
There went up a smoke out of his nostrils,  
and fire out of his mouth devoured :  
coals were kindled by it.  
He bowed the heavens also, and came down :  
and darkness was under his feet.  
And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly :  
yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.  
He made darkness his secret place ;  
his pavilion round about him  
were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.  
At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed,  
hailstones and coals of fire.  
The Lord also thundered in the heavens,  
and the Highest gave his voice ;  
hailstones and coals of fire.  
Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them ;  
and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them.  
Then the channels of waters were seen,  
and the foundations of the world were discovered  
at thy rebuke, O Lord,  
at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.  
He sent from above, he took me,  
he drew me out of many waters.  
He delivered me from my strong enemy,  
and from them which hated me :  
for they were too strong for me.  
They prevented me in the day of my calamity :  
but the Lord was my stay.  
He brought me forth also into a large place ;  
he delivered me, because he delighted in me.  
The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness ;  
according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed  
me.  
For I have kept the ways of the Lord,  
and have not wickedly departed from my God.  
For all his judgments were before me,  
and I did not put away his statutes from me.



I was also upright before him,  
and I kept myself from mine iniquity.  
Therefore hath the Lord recompensed me according to my  
righteousness,  
according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.  
With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful ;  
with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright ;  
with the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure ;  
and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.  
For thou wilt save the afflicted people ;  
but wilt bring down high looks.  
For thou wilt light my candle ;  
the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.  
For by thee I have run through a troop ;  
and by my God have I leaped over a wall.  
As for God, his way is perfect :  
the word of the Lord is tried :  
he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.  
For who is God save the Lord ?  
or who is a rock save our God ?  
It is God that girdeth me with strength,  
and maketh my way perfect.  
He maketh my feet like hinds' feet,  
and setteth me upon my high places.  
He teacheth my hands to war,  
so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.  
Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation :  
and thy right hand hath holden me up,  
and thy gentleness hath made me great.  
Thou hast enlarged my steps under me,  
that my feet did not slip.  
I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them :  
neither did I turn again till they were consumed.  
I have wounded them that they were not able to rise :  
they are fallen under my feet.  
For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle :  
thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.  
Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies ;  
that I might destroy them that hate me.  
They cried, but there was none to save them :  
even unto the Lord, but he answered them not.  
Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind :

I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.  
 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people ;  
 and thou hast made me the head of the heathen :  
 a people whom I have not known shall serve me.  
 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me :  
 the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.  
 The strangers shall fade away,  
 and be afraid out of their close places.  
 The Lord liveth ; and blessed be my rock ;  
 and let the God of my salvation be exalted.  
 It is God that avengeth me,  
 and subdueth the people under me.  
 He delivereth me from mine enemies :  
 yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me :  
 thou hast delivered me from the violent man.  
 Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the  
 heathen,  
 and sing praises unto thy name.  
 Great deliverance giveth he to his king ;  
 and sheweth mercy to his anointed,  
 to David and to his seed for evermore.

19. The heavens declare the glory of God ;  
 and the firmament sheweth his handywork.  
 Day unto day uttereth speech,  
 and night unto night sheweth knowledge.  
 There is no speech nor language,  
 where their voice is not heard.  
 Their line is gone out through all the earth,  
 and their words to the end of the world.  
 In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,  
 which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,  
 and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.  
 His going forth is from the end of the heaven,  
 and his circuit unto the ends of it :  
 and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.  
 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul :  
 the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.  
 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart ;  
 the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.  
 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever :  
 the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea than much fine gold :  
sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.  
Moreover by them is thy servant warned :  
and in keeping of them there is great reward.  
Who can understand his errors ?  
cleanse thou me from secret faults.  
Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins ;  
let them not have dominion over me :  
then shall I be upright,  
and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.  
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in thy sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

20. The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble ;  
the name of the God of Jacob defend thee ;  
send thee help from the sanctuary,  
and strengthen thee out of Zion ;  
remember all thy offerings,  
and accept thy burnt sacrifice ;  
grant thee according to thine own heart,  
and fulfil all thy counsel.  
We will rejoice in thy salvation,  
and in the name of our God we will set up our banners :  
the Lord fulfil all thy petitions.  
Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed ;  
he will hear him from his holy heaven  
with the saving strength of his right hand.  
Some trust in chariots, and some in horses :  
but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.  
They are brought down and fallen :  
but we are risen, and stand upright.  
Save, Lord :  
let the king hear us when we call.

21. The king shall joy in thy strength, O Lord ;  
and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice !  
Thou hast given him his heart's desire,  
and hast not withholden the request of his lips.  
For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness :  
thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.  
He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him,

even length of days for ever and ever.  
 His glory is great in thy salvation :  
 honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him.  
 For thou hast made him most blessed for ever :  
 thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.  
 For the king trusteth in the Lord,  
 and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be  
 moved.  
 Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies :  
 thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.  
 Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven  
 in the time of thine anger :  
 the Lord shall swallow them up in his wrath,  
 and the fire shall devour them.  
 Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth,  
 and their seed from among the children of men.  
 For they intended evil against thee :  
 they imagined a mischievous device,  
 which they are not able to perform.  
 Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back,  
 when thou shalt make ready thine arrows  
 upon thy strings against the face of them.  
 Be thou exalted, Lord, in thine own strength :  
 so will we sing and praise thy power.

22. My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me ?  
 why art thou so far from helping me,  
 and from the words of my roaring ?  
 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not ;  
 and in the night season, and am not silent.  
 But thou art holy,  
 O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.  
 Our fathers trusted in thee :  
 they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.  
 They cried unto thee, and were delivered :  
 they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.  
 But I am a worm, and no man ;  
 a reproach of men, and despised of the people.  
 All they that see me laugh me to scorn :  
 they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,  
 " He trusted in the Lord that he would deliver him :  
 let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him."

But thou art he that took me out of the womb :  
thou didst make me hope when I was on my mother's breasts.  
I was cast upon thee from the womb :  
thou art my God from my mother's belly.  
Be not far from me ;  
for trouble is near ;  
for there is none to help.  
Many bulls have compassed me :  
strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.  
They gaped upon me with their mouths,  
as a ravening and a roaring lion.  
I am poured out like water,  
and all my bones are out of joint :  
my heart is like wax ;  
it is melted in the midst of my bowels.  
My strength is dried up like a potsherd ;  
and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws ;  
and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.  
For dogs have compassed me :  
the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me :  
they pierced my hands and feet.  
I may tell all my bones :  
they look and stare upon me.  
They part my garments among them,  
and cast lots upon my vesture.  
But be not thou far from me, O Lord :  
O my strength, haste thee to help me.  
Deliver my soul from the sword ;  
my darling from the power of the dog.  
Save me from the lion's mouth :  
for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.  
I will declare thy name unto my brethren :  
in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.  
Ye that fear the Lord, praise him ;  
all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him ;  
and fear him, all ye seed of Israel.  
For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the  
afflicted ;  
neither hath he hid his face from him ;  
but when he cried unto him, he heard.  
My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation :  
I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

## 18 A BOOK OF BIBLICAL DEVOTIONS

The meek shall eat and be satisfied :  
they shall praise the Lord that seek him :  
your heart shall live for ever.  
All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the  
Lord :  
and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.  
For the kingdom is the Lord's :  
and he is the governor among the nations.  
All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship :  
all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him :  
and none can keep alive his own soul.  
A seed shall serve him ;  
it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.  
They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness  
unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.

**23.** The Lord is my shepherd ;  
I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures :  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul :  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's  
sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil :  
for thou art with me ;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine  
enemies :  
thou anointest my head with oil ;  
my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
life :  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**24.** The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof ;  
the world, and they that dwell therein.  
For he hath founded it upon the seas,  
and established it upon the floods.  
Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord ?  
or who shall stand in his holy place ?  
He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart ;

who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity,  
nor sworn deceitfully.  
He shall receive the blessing from the Lord,  
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.  
This is the generation of them that seek him,  
that seek thy face, O Jacob.  
Lift up your heads, O ye gates ;  
and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors ;  
and the King of glory shall come in.  
Who is this King of glory ?  
The Lord strong and mighty,  
the Lord mighty in battle.  
Lift up your heads, O ye gates ;  
even lift them up, ye everlasting doors ;  
and the King of glory shall come in.  
Who is this King of glory ?  
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

25. Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

O my God, I trust in thee :  
let me not be ashamed,  
let not mine enemies triumph over me.  
Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed :  
let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.  
Shew me thy ways, O Lord ;  
teach me thy paths.  
Lead me in thy truth, and teach me :  
for thou art the God of my salvation ;  
on thee do I wait all the day.  
Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkind-  
nesses ;  
for they have been ever of old.  
Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions :  
according to thy mercy remember thou me  
for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.  
Good and upright is the Lord :  
therefore will he teach sinners in the way.  
The meek will he guide in judgment :  
and the meek will he teach his way.  
All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth  
unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.  
For thy name's sake, O Lord,

pardon mine iniquity ; for it is great.  
 What man is he that feareth the Lord ?  
 him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.  
 His soul shall dwell at ease ;  
 and his seed shall inherit the earth.  
 The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him ;  
 and he will shew them his covenant.  
 Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord ;  
 for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.  
 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me ;  
 for I am desolate and afflicted.  
 The troubles of my heart are enlarged :  
 O bring thou me out of my distresses.  
 Look upon mine affliction and my pain ;  
 and forgive all my sins.  
 Consider mine enemies ; for they are many ;  
 and they hate me with cruel hatred.  
 O keep my soul, and deliver me :  
 let me not be ashamed ; for I put my trust in thee.  
 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me ;  
 for I wait on thee.  
 Redeem Israel, O Lord, out of all his troubles.

26. Judge me, O Lord ;  
 for I have walked in mine integrity :  
 I have trusted also in the Lord ;  
 therefore I shall not slide.  
 Examine me, O Lord, and prove me ;  
 try my reins and my heart.  
 For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes :  
 and I have walked in thy truth.  
 I have not sat with vain persons,  
 neither will I go in with dissemblers.  
 I have hated the congregation of evildoers ;  
 and will not sit with the wicked.  
 I will wash mine hands in innocence :  
 so will I compass thine altar, O Lord :  
 that I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving,  
 and tell of all thy wondrous works.  
 Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house,  
 and the place where thine honour dwelleth.  
 Gather not my soul with sinners,



nor my life with bloody men :  
in whose hands is mischief,  
and their right hand is full of bribes.  
But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity :  
redeem me, and be merciful unto me.  
My foot standeth in an even place :  
in the congregations will I bless the Lord.

27. The Lord is my light and my salvation ;  
whom shall I fear ?

The Lord is the strength of my life ;  
of whom shall I be afraid ?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes,  
came upon me to eat up my flesh,  
they stumbled and fell.

Though an host should encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear :

though war should rise against me,  
in this will I be confident.

One thing have I desired of the Lord,  
that will I seek after ;

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the Lord,  
and to enquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion :  
in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me ;  
he shall set me up upon a rock.

And now shall mine head be lifted up  
above mine enemies round about me :

therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy ;

I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice :  
have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When thou saidst,

“ Seek ye my face ” ;

my heart said unto thee,

“ Thy face, Lord, will I seek.”

Hide not thy face far from me ;

put not thy servant away in anger :

thou hast been my help ;

leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me,

then the Lord will take me up.  
 Teach me thy way, O Lord,  
 and lead me in a plain path,  
 because of mine enemies.  
 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies :  
 for false witnesses are risen up against me,  
 and such as breathe out cruelty.  
 I had fainted unless I had believed  
 to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.  
 Wait on the Lord : be of good courage,  
 and he shall strengthen thine heart :  
 wait, I say, on the Lord.

28. Unto thee will I cry, O Lord my rock ;  
 be not silent to me :  
 lest, if thou be silent to me,  
 I become like them that go down into the pit.  
 Hear the voice of my supplications,  
 when I cry unto thee,  
 when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.  
 Draw me not away with the wicked,  
 and with the workers of iniquity,  
 which speak peace to their neighbours,  
 but mischief is in their hearts.  
 Give them according to their deeds,  
 and according to the wickedness of their endeavours :  
 give them after the work of their hands ;  
 render to them their desert.  
 Because they regard not the works of the Lord,  
 nor the operation of his hands,  
 he shall destroy them,  
 and not build them up.  
 Blessed be the Lord,  
 because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.  
 The Lord is my strength and my shield ;  
 my heart trusted in him, and I am helped :  
 therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth ;  
 and with my song will I praise him.  
 The Lord is their strength,  
 and he is the saving strength of his anointed.  
 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance :  
 feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

29. Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty,  
give unto the Lord glory and strength.  
Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name ;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.  
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters :  
the God of glory thundereth :  
the Lord is upon many waters.  
The voice of the Lord is powerful ;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.  
The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars ;  
yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.  
He maketh them also to skip like a calf ;  
Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.  
The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire.  
The voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness ;  
the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.  
The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to calve,  
and discovereth the forests :  
and in his temple doth everyone speak of his glory.  
The Lord sitteth upon the flood ;  
yea, the Lord sitteth King for ever.  
The Lord will give strength unto his people :  
the Lord will bless his people with peace.

30. I will extol thee, O Lord ;  
for thou hast lifted me up,  
and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.  
O Lord my God, I cried unto thee,  
and thou hast healed me.  
O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave :  
thou hast kept me alive,  
that I should not go down to the pit.  
Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his,  
and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.  
For his anger endureth but a moment ;  
in his favour is life :  
weeping may endure for a night,  
but joy cometh in the morning.  
And in my prosperity I said,  
“ I shall never be moved.”  
Lord, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand  
strong :

thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.  
 I cried to thee, O Lord ;  
 and unto the Lord I made supplication.  
 What profit is there in my blood,  
 when I go down to the pit ?  
 Shall the dust praise thee ?  
 shall it declare thy truth ?  
 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me :  
 Lord, be thou my helper.  
 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing :  
 thou hast put off my sackcloth,  
 and girded me with gladness ;  
 to the end that my glory may sing praise to thee,  
 and not be silent.  
 O Lord my God,  
 I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

31. In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust ;  
 let me never be ashamed :  
 deliver me in thy righteousness.  
 Bow down thine ear to me ;  
 deliver me speedily :  
 be thou my strong rock,  
 for an house of defence to save me.  
 For thou art my rock and my fortress ;  
 therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.  
 Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me :  
 for thou art my strength.  
 Into thine hand I commit my spirit :  
 thou hast redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.  
 I have hated them that regard lying vanities :  
 but I trust in the Lord.  
 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy :  
 for thou hast considered my trouble ;  
 thou hast known my soul in adversities ;  
 and hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy :  
 thou hast set my feet in a large room.  
 Have mercy upon me, O Lord,  
 for I am in trouble :  
 mine eye is consumed with grief,  
 yea, my soul and my belly.  
 For my life is spent with grief,

and my years with sighing :  
my strength faileth because of mine iniquity,  
and my bones are consumed.  
I was a reproach among all mine enemies,  
but especially among my neighbours,  
and a fear to mine acquaintance :  
they that did see me without fled from me.  
I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind :  
I am like a broken vessel.  
For I have heard the slander of many :  
fear was on every side :  
while they took counsel together against me,  
they devised to take away my life.  
But I trusted in thee, O Lord :  
I said, "Thou art my God.  
My times are in thy hand :  
deliver me from the hand of mine enemies,  
and from them that persecute me.  
Make thy face to shine upon thy servant :  
save me for thy mercies' sake.  
Let me not be ashamed, O Lord ;  
for I have called upon thee :  
let the wicked be ashamed,  
and let them be silent in the grave.  
Let the lying lips be put to silence ;  
which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously  
against the righteous."  
O how great is thy goodness,  
which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee ;  
which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before  
the sons of men !  
Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the  
pride of man :  
thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of  
tongues.  
Blessed be the Lord :  
for he hath showed me his marvellous kindness in a strong  
city.  
For I said in my haste, "I am cut off from before thine eyes" :  
nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications  
when I cried unto thee.  
O love the Lord, all ye his saints :

for the Lord preserveth the faithful,  
and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.  
Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart,  
all ye that hope in the Lord.

**32.** Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.  
Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile.  
When I kept silence my bones waxed old  
through my roaring all the day long.  
For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me :  
my moisture is turned into the drought of summer.  
I acknowledged my sin unto thee,  
and mine iniquity have I not hid.  
I said, " I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord " ;  
and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.  
For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee  
in a time when thou mayest be found :  
surely in the floods of great waters  
they shall not come nigh unto him.  
Thou art my hiding place ;  
thou shalt preserve me from trouble ;  
thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.  
I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go :  
I will guide thee with mine eye.  
Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule,  
which have no understanding :  
whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle,  
lest they come near unto thee.  
Many sorrows shall be to the wicked :  
but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him  
about.  
Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous :  
and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

**33.** Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous :  
for praise is comely for the upright.  
Praise the Lord with harp :  
sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten  
strings.  
Sing unto him a new song ;

play skilfully with a loud noise.  
For the word of the Lord is right ;  
and all his works are done in truth.  
He loveth righteousness and judgment :  
the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.  
By the word of the Lord were the heavens made ;  
and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.  
He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap :  
he layeth up the depth in storehouses.  
Let all the earth fear the Lord :  
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.  
For he spake, and it was done ;  
he commanded, and it stood fast.  
The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought :  
he maketh the devices of the people of none effect.  
The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever,  
the thoughts of his heart to all generations.  
Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord ;  
and the people whom he has chosen for his own inheritance.  
The Lord looketh from heaven ;  
he beholdeth all the sons of men.  
From the place of his habitation  
he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.  
He fashioneth their hearts alike ;  
he considereth all their works.  
There is no king saved by the multitude of an host :  
a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.  
An horse is a vain thing for safety :  
neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.  
Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him,  
upon them that hope in his mercy ;  
to deliver their soul from death,  
and to keep them alive in famine.  
Our soul waiteth for the Lord :  
he is our help and our shield.  
For our heart shall rejoice in him,  
because we have trusted in his holy name.  
Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us,  
according as we hope in thee.

34. I will bless the Lord at all times :  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord :  
 the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.  
 O magnify the Lord with me,  
 and let us exalt his name together.  
 I sought the Lord, and he heard me,  
 and delivered me from all my fears.  
 They looked unto him, and were lightened :  
 and their faces were not ashamed.  
 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him,  
 and saved him out of all his troubles.  
 The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear  
 him,  
 and delivereth them.  
 O taste and see that the Lord is good :  
 blessed is the man that trusteth in him,  
 O fear the Lord, ye his saints :  
 for there is no want to them that fear him.  
 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger :  
 but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good  
 thing.  
 Come, ye children, hearken unto me :  
 I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
 What man is he that desireth life,  
 and loveth many days, that he may see good ?  
 Keep thy tongue from evil,  
 and thy lips from speaking guile.  
 Depart from evil, and do good ;  
 seek peace, and pursue it.  
 The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,  
 and his ears are open unto their cry.  
 The face of the Lord is against them that do evil,  
 to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.  
 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth,  
 and delivereth them out of all their troubles.  
 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart ;  
 and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.  
 Many are the afflictions of the righteous :  
 but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.  
 He keepeth all his bones :  
 not one of them is broken.  
 Evil shall slay the wicked :  
 and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.



The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants :  
and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

35. Plead my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me :  
fight against them that fight against me.

Take hold of shield and buckler,  
and stand up for mine help.

Draw out also the spear,  
and stop the way against them that persecute me :  
say unto my soul,

“ I am thy salvation.”

Let them be confounded and put to shame  
that seek after my soul :

let them be turned back and brought to confusion  
that devise my hurt.

Let them be as chaff before the wind :  
and let the angel of the Lord chase them.

Let their way be dark and slippery :  
and let the angel of the Lord persecute them.

For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit,  
which without cause they have digged for my soul.

Let destruction come upon him at unawares ;  
and let his net that he hath hid catch himself :  
into that very destruction let him fall.

And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord :  
it shall rejoice in his salvation.

All my bones shall say, “ Lord, who is like unto thee,  
which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for  
him,

yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him ? ”

False witnesses did rise up ;  
they laid to my charge things that I knew not.

They rewarded me evil for good  
to the spoiling of my soul.

But as for me, when they were sick,  
my clothing was sackcloth :

I humbled my soul with fasting ;  
and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother :  
I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.

But in mine adversity they rejoiced,  
and gathered themselves together :

yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me,  
and I knew it not ;

they did tear me, and ceased not :  
with hypocritical mockers in feasts,  
they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

Lord, how long wilt thou look on ?  
rescue my soul from their destructions,  
my darling from the lions.

I will give thee thanks in the great congregation :

I will praise thee among much people.

Let not them that are mine enemies  
wrongfully rejoice over me :  
neither let them wink with the eye  
that hate me without a cause.

For they speak not peace :

but they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet  
in the land.

Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me,  
and said, " Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it ! "

This thou hast seen, O Lord :

keep not silence :

O Lord, be not far from me.

Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment,  
even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

Judge me, O Lord my God, according to thy righteousness ;  
and let them not rejoice over me.

Let them not say in their hearts,

" Ah, so would we have it ! "

let them not say,

" We have swallowed him up. "

Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together  
that rejoice at mine hurt :

let them be clothed with shame and dishonour  
that magnify themselves against me.

Let them shout for joy, and be glad,  
that favour my righteous cause :

yea, let them say continually,

" Let the Lord be magnified,

which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant. "

And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness  
and of thy praise all the day long.

36. The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart,  
that there is no fear of God before his eyes.  
For he flattereth himself in his own eyes,  
until his iniquity be found to be hateful.  
The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit :  
he hath left off to be wise, and to do good.  
He deviseth mischief upon his bed ;  
he setteth himself in a way that is not good ;  
he abhorreth not evil.  
Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens ;  
and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.  
Thy righteousness is like the great mountains ;  
thy judgments are a great deep :  
O Lord, thou preservest man and beast.  
How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God !  
therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow  
of thy wings.  
They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house ;  
and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.  
For with thee is the fountain of life :  
in thy light shall we see light.  
O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee ;  
and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.  
Let not the foot of pride come against me,  
and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.  
There are the workers of iniquity fallen :  
they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.
37. Fret not thyself because of evil-doers,  
neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.  
For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,  
and wither as the green herb.  
Trust in the Lord, and do good ;  
so shalt thou dwell in the land,  
and verily thou shalt be fed.  
Delight thyself also in the Lord ;  
and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.  
Commit thy way unto the Lord ;  
trust also in him ; and he shall bring it to pass.  
And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light,  
and thy judgment as the noonday.  
Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him :

fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way,  
 because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.  
 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath :  
 fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.  
 For evil-doers shall be cut off :  
 but they that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.  
 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be :  
 yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not  
 be.  
 But the meek shall inherit the earth ;  
 and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.  
 The wicked plotteth against the just,  
 and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.  
 The Lord shall laugh at him :  
 for he seeth that his day is coming.  
 The wicked have drawn out the sword,  
 and have bent their bow,  
 to cast down the poor and needy,  
 and to slay such as be of upright conversation.  
 Their sword shall enter into their own heart,  
 and their bows shall be broken.  
 A little that a righteous man hath  
 is better than the riches of many wicked.  
 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken :  
 but the Lord upholdeth the righteous.  
 The Lord knoweth the days of the upright :  
 and their inheritance shall be for ever.  
 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time :  
 and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.  
 But the wicked shall perish,  
 and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs :  
 they shall consume ;  
 into smoke shall they consume away.  
 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again :  
 but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.  
 For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth ;  
 and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.  
 The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord :  
 and he delighteth in his way.  
 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down :  
 for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.  
 I have been young, and now am old ;

yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken,  
nor his seed begging bread.  
He is ever merciful, and lendeth ;  
and his seed is blessed.  
Depart from evil, and do good ;  
and dwell for evermore.  
For the Lord loveth judgment,  
and forsaketh not his saints ;  
they are preserved for ever :  
but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.  
The righteous shall inherit the land,  
and dwell therein for ever.  
The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom,  
and his tongue talketh of judgment.  
The law of his God is in his heart ;  
none of his steps shall slide.  
The wicked watcheth the righteous,  
and seeketh to slay him.  
The Lord will not leave him in his hand,  
nor condemn him when he is judged.  
Wait on the Lord, and keep his way,  
and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land :  
when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.  
I have seen the wicked in great power,  
and spreading himself like a green bay tree.  
Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not :  
yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.  
Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright :  
for the end of that man is peace.  
But the transgressors shall be destroyed together :  
the end of the wicked shall be cut off.  
But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord :  
he is their strength in the time of trouble.  
And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them :  
he shall deliver them from the wicked,  
and save them, because they trust in him.

38. O Lord, rebuke me not in thy wrath :  
neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.  
For thine arrows stick fast in me,  
and thy hand presseth me sore.  
There is no soundness in my flesh

because of thine anger ;  
 neither is there any rest in my bones  
 because of my sin.  
 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head :  
 as an heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.  
 My wounds stink and are corrupt  
 because of my foolishness.  
 I am troubled ; I am bowed down greatly ;  
 I go mourning all the day long.  
 For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease :  
 and there is no soundness in my flesh.  
 I am feeble and sore broken :  
 I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.  
 Lord, all my desire is before thee ;  
 and my groaning is not hid from thee.  
 My heart panteth, my strength faileth me :  
 as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.  
 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore ;  
 and my kinsmen stand afar off.  
 They also that seek after my life lay snares for me :  
 and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things,  
 and imagine deceits all the day long.  
 But I, as a deaf man, heard not ;  
 and I was as a dumb man that openeth not his  
 mouth.  
 Then was I as a man that heareth not,  
 and in whose mouth are no reproofs.  
 For in thee, O Lord, do I hope :  
 thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.  
 For I said, " Hear me,  
 lest otherwise they should rejoice over me :  
 when my foot slippeth,  
 they magnify themselves against me."  
 For I am ready to halt,  
 and my sorrow is continually before me.  
 For I will declare mine iniquity ;  
 I will be sorry for my sin.  
 But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong :  
 and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.  
 They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries ;  
 because I follow the thing that good is.  
 Forsake me not, O Lord ;

O my God, be not far from me.  
Make haste to help me,  
O Lord my salvation.

39. I said, "I will take heed to my ways,  
that I sin not with my tongue :  
I will keep my mouth with a bridle,  
while the wicked is before me."  
I was dumb with silence,  
I held my peace, even from good ;  
and my sorrow was stirred.  
My heart was hot within me,  
while I was musing the fire burned :  
then spake I with my tongue,  
"Lord, make me to know mine end,  
and the measure of my days, what it is ;  
that I may know how frail I am.  
Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth ;  
and mine age is as nothing before thee :  
verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity.  
Surely every man walketh in a vain show :  
surely they are disquieted in vain :  
he heapeth up riches,  
and knoweth not who shall gather them.  
And now, Lord, what wait I for ?  
my hope is in thee.  
Deliver me from all my transgressions :  
make me not the reproach of the foolish.  
I was dumb, I opened not my mouth ;  
because thou didst it.  
Remove thy stroke away from me :  
I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.  
When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity,  
thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth :  
surely every man is vanity.  
Hear my prayer, O Lord,  
and give ear unto my cry :  
hold not thy peace at my tears :  
for I am a stranger with thee,  
and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.  
O spare me, that I may recover strength,  
before I go hence, and be no more."

40. I waited patiently for the Lord ;  
 and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.  
 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit,  
 out of the miry clay,  
 and set my feet upon a rock,  
 and established my goings.  
 And he hath put a new song in my mouth,  
 even praise unto our God :  
 many shall see it, and fear,  
 and shall trust in the Lord.  
 Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust,  
 and respecteth not the proud,  
 nor such as turn aside to lies.  
 Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou  
 hast done,  
 and thy thoughts which are to us-ward :  
 they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee :  
 if I would declare and speak of them,  
 they are more than can be numbered.  
 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire ;  
 mine ears hast thou opened :  
 burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.  
 Then said I, " Lo, I come :  
 in the volume of the book it is written of me,  
 I delight to do thy will, O my God :  
 yea, thy law is within my heart.  
 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation :  
 lo, I have not refrained my lips,  
 O Lord, thou knowest.  
 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart ;  
 I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation :  
 I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth  
 from the great congregation."  
 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord :  
 let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve  
 me.  
 For innumerable evils have compassed me about :  
 mine iniquities have taken hold upon me,  
 so that I am not able to look up ;  
 they are more than the hairs of mine head :  
 therefore my heart faileth me.  
 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me :



O Lord, make haste to help me.  
Let them be ashamed and confounded together  
that seek after my soul to destroy it ;  
let them be driven backward and put to shame  
that wish me evil.  
Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame  
that say unto me, "Aha, aha!"  
Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee :  
let such as love thy salvation say continually, "The Lord be  
magnified."  
But I am poor and needy ;  
yet the Lord thinketh upon me :  
thou art my help and my deliverer ;  
make no tarrying, O my God.

41. Blessed is he that considereth the poor :  
• the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.  
The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive ;  
and he shall be blessed upon the earth :  
and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his  
enemies.  
The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing :  
thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.  
I said, "Lord, be merciful unto me :  
heal my soul ; for I have sinned against thee."  
Mine enemies speak evil of me,  
"When shall he die, and his name perish?"  
And if he come to see me,  
he speaketh vanity :  
his heart gathereth iniquity to itself ;  
when he goeth abroad, he telleth it.  
All that hate me whisper together against me :  
against me do they devise my hurt.  
"An evil disease," say they, "cleaveth fast unto him :  
and now that he lieth, he shall rise up no more."  
Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted,  
which did eat of my bread,  
hath lifted up his heel against me.  
But then, O Lord, be merciful unto me,  
and raise me up, that I may requite them.  
By this I know that thou favourest me,  
because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.

And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity,  
 and settest me before thy face for ever.  
 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
 from everlasting and to everlasting.  
 Amen, and amen.

42. As the hart panteth after the water brooks,  
 so panteth my soul after thee, O God.  
 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God :  
 when shall I come and appear before God ?  
 My tears have been my meat day and night,  
 while they continually say unto me, "Where is thy God ?"  
 When I remember these things,  
 I pour out my soul in me :  
 for I had gone with the multitude,  
 I went with them to the house of God,  
 with the voice of joy and praise,  
 with a multitude that kept holyday.  
 Why art thou cast down, O my soul ?  
 and why art thou disquieted in me ?  
 hope thou in God :  
 for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.  
 O my God, my soul is cast down within me :  
 therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan,  
 and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.  
 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts ;  
 all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.  
 Yet the Lord will command his lovingkindness in the day-  
 time,  
 and in the night his song shall be with me,  
 and my prayer unto the God of my life.  
 I will say unto God my rock,  
 "Why hast thou forgotten me ?  
 why go I mourning because of the oppression of the  
 enemy ?"  
 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me ;  
 while they say daily unto me, "Where is thy God ?"  
 Why art thou cast down, O my soul ?  
 and why art thou disquieted within me ?  
 hope thou in God :  
 for I shall yet praise him,  
 who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

43. Judge me, O God,  
and plead my cause against an ungodly nation :  
O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.  
For thou art the God of my strength :  
why dost thou cast me off ?  
why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy ?  
O send out thy light and thy truth :  
let them lead me ;  
let them bring me unto thy holy hill,  
and to thy tabernacles.  
Then will I go unto the altar of God,  
unto God my exceeding joy :  
yea, upon the harp will I praise thee,  
O God, my God.  
Why art thou cast down, O my soul ?  
and why art thou disquieted within me ?  
hope in God :  
for I shall yet praise him,  
who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

44. We have heard with our ears, O God,  
our fathers have told us,  
what work thou didst in their days,  
in the times of old.  
How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand,  
and plantedst them ;  
how thou didst afflict the people,  
and cast them out.  
For they got not the land in possession by their own sword,  
neither did their own arm save them :  
but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy  
countenance,  
because thou hadst a favour unto them.  
Thou art my king, O God :  
command deliverances for Jacob.  
Through thee we will push down our enemies :  
through thy name will we tread them under that rise up  
against us.  
For I will not trust in my bow,  
neither shall my sword save me.  
But thou hast saved us from our enemies,  
and hast put them to shame that hated us.

In God we boast all the day long,  
 and praise thy name for ever.  
 But thou hast cast us off, and put us to shame ;  
 and goest not forth with our armies.  
 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy :  
 and they which hate us spoil for themselves.  
 Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat ;  
 and hast scattered us among the heathen.  
 Thou sellest thy people for nought,  
 and dost not increase thy wealth by their price.  
 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours,  
 a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.  
 Thou makest us a byword among the heathen,  
 a shaking of the head among the people.  
 My confusion is continually before me,  
 and the shame of my face hath covered me,  
 for the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth ;  
 by reason of the enemy and the avenger.  
 All this is come upon us ;  
 yet have we not forgotten thee,  
 neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.  
 Our heart is not turned back,  
 neither have our steps declined from thy way ;  
 though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons,  
 and covered us with the shadow of death.  
 If we have forgotten the name of our God,  
 or stretched out our hands to a strange god ;  
 shall not God search this out ?  
 for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.  
 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long ;  
 we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.  
 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord ?  
 arise, cast us not off for ever.  
 Wherefore hidest thou thy face,  
 and forgettest our affliction and our oppression ?  
 For our soul is bowed down to the dust :  
 our belly cleaveth unto the earth.  
 Arise for our help,  
 and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.

**45.** My heart is inditing a good matter :

I speak of the things which I have made touching the king :

my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.  
Thou art fairer than the children of men :  
    grace is poured into thy lips :  
    therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.  
Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty,  
    with thy glory and thy majesty.  
And in thy majesty ride prosperously  
    because of truth and meekness and righteousness ;  
    and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.  
Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies ;  
    whereby the people fall under thee.  
Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever :  
    the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.  
Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness :  
    therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of  
    gladness above thy fellows.  
All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia,  
    out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.  
Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women :  
    upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.  
Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear ;  
    forget also thine own people, and thy father's house ;  
so shall the king greatly desire thy beauty :  
    for he is thy lord ;  
    and worship thou him.  
And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift ;  
    even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favour.  
The king's daughter is all glorious within :  
    her clothing is of wrought gold.  
She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework :  
    the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought  
    unto thee.  
With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought :  
    they shall enter into the king's palace.  
Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children,  
    whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.  
I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations :  
    therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

**46.** God is our refuge and strength,  
    a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed,

and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the  
 sea ;  
 though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,  
 though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.  
 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city  
 of God,  
 the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.  
 God is in the midst of her ; she shall not be moved :  
 God shall help her, and that right early.  
 The heathen raged ; the kingdoms were moved :  
 he uttered his voice, the earth melted.  
 The Lord of hosts is with us ;  
 the God of Jacob is our refuge.  
 Come, behold the works of the Lord,  
 what desolations he hath made in the earth.  
 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth ;  
 he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder ;  
 he burneth the chariot in the fire.  
 Be still, and know that I am God :  
 I will be exalted among the heathen,  
 I will be exalted in the earth.  
 The Lord of hosts is with us ;  
 the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**47.** O clap your hands, all ye people ;  
 shout unto God with the voice of triumph.  
 For the Lord most high is terrible ;  
 he is a great king over all the earth.  
 He shall subdue the people under us,  
 and the nations under our feet.  
 He shall choose our inheritance for us,  
 the excellency of Jacob whom he loved.  
 God is gone up with a shout,  
 the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.  
 Sing praises to God, sing praises :  
 sing praises unto our king, sing praises.  
 For God is king of all the earth :  
 sing ye praises with understanding.  
 God reigneth over the heathen :  
 God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.  
 The princes of the people are gathered together,  
 even the people of the God of Abraham :

for the shields of the earth belong unto God :  
he is greatly exalted.

48. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised  
in the city of our God,  
in the mountain of his holiness.

Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth,  
is mount Zion,

on the sides of the north,  
the city of the great king.

God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

For lo, the kings were assembled,  
they passed by together.

They saw it, and so they marvelled ;  
they were troubled, and hasted away.

Fear took hold upon them there,  
and pain, as of a woman in travail.

Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish  
with an east wind.

As we have heard, so have we seen  
in the city of the Lord of hosts,

in the city of our God :

God will establish it for ever.

We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God,  
in the midst of thy temple.

According to thy name, O God,  
so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth :  
thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let mount Zion rejoice,  
let the daughters of Judah be glad,  
because of thy judgments.

Walk about Zion, and go round about her :  
tell the towers thereof.

Mark ye well her bulwarks,  
consider her palaces ;  
that ye may tell it to the generation following.

For this God is our God for ever and ever :  
he will be our guide even unto death.

49. Hear this, all ye people ;  
give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world :  
both low and high,

rich and poor, together.  
 My mouth shall speak of wisdom ;  
 and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.  
 I will incline mine ear to a parable :  
 I will open my dark saying upon the harp.  
 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil,  
 when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about ?  
 They that trust in their wealth,  
 and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches :  
 none of them can by any means redeem his brother,  
 nor give to God a ransom for him :  
 (for the redemption of their soul is precious,  
 and it ceaseth for ever : )  
 that he should still live for ever,  
 and not see corruption.  
 For he seeth that wise men die,  
 likewise the fool and the brutish person perish,  
 and leave their wealth to others.  
 Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever,  
 and their dwelling places to all generations ;  
 they call their lands after their own names.  
 Nevertheless man being in honour abideth not :  
 he is like the beasts that perish.  
 This their way is their folly :  
 yet their posterity approve their sayings.  
 Like sheep they are laid in the grave ;  
 death shall feed on them ;  
 and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning ;  
 and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their  
 dwelling.  
 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave :  
 for he shall receive me.  
 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich,  
 when the glory of his house is increased ;  
 for when he dieth he shall carry nothing away :  
 his glory shall not descend after him.  
 Though while he lived he blessed his soul :  
 (and men will praise thee, where thou doest well to thyself)  
 he shall go to the generation of his fathers ;  
 they shall never see light.  
 Man that is in honour, and understandeth not,  
 is like the beasts that perish.



50. The mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken,  
and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going  
down thereof.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God hath shined.

Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence :  
a fire shall devour before him,  
and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

He shall call to the heavens from above,  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

“ Gather my saints together unto me ;  
those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”

And the heavens shall declare his righteousness :  
for God is judge himself.

“ Hear, O my people, and I will speak ;  
O Israel, and I will testify against thee :  
I am God, even thy God.

I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices,  
or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me.

I will take no bullock out of thy house,  
nor he goats out of thy folds :

for every beast of the forest is mine,  
and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

I know all the fowls of the mountains :  
and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

If I were hungry, I would not tell thee :  
for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

Will I eat the flesh of bulls,  
or drink the blood of goats ?

Offer unto God thanksgiving :  
and pay thy vows unto the Most High :  
and call upon me in the day of trouble :  
I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.”

But unto the wicked God saith,  
“ What hast thou to do to declare my statutes,  
or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth ?

Seeing thou hatest instruction,  
and castest my words behind me.

When thou sawest a thief,  
then thou consentedst with him,  
and hast been partaker with adulterers.

Thou givest thy mouth to evil,

and thy tongue frameth deceit.  
 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother ;  
 thou slanderest thine own mother's son.  
 These things hast thou done, and I kept silence ;  
 thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as  
 thyself :  
 but I will reprove thee,  
 and set them in order before thine eyes.  
 Now consider this, ye that forget God,  
 lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.  
 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me :  
 and to him that ordereth his conversation aright  
 will I show the salvation of God."

51. Have mercy upon me, O God,  
 according to thy lovingkindness :  
 according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies  
 blot out my transgressions.  
 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity,  
 and cleanse me from my sin.  
 For I acknowledge my transgressions :  
 and my sin is ever before me.  
 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned,  
 and done this evil in thy sight :  
 that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest,  
 and be clear when thou judgest.  
 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity,  
 and in sin did my mother conceive me.  
 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts :  
 and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know  
 wisdom.  
 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean :  
 wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
 Make me to hear joy and gladness ;  
 that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.  
 Hide thy face from my sins,  
 and blot out all mine iniquities.  
 Create in me a clean heart, O God ;  
 and renew a right spirit within me.  
 Cast me not away from thy presence ;  
 and take not thy holy spirit from me.  
 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation ;

and uphold me with thy free spirit.  
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways ;  
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.  
Deliver me from bloodguiltiness,  
O God, thou God of my salvation :  
and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.  
O Lord, open thou my lips ;  
and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.  
For thou desirest not sacrifice ;  
else would I give it :  
thou delightest not in burnt offering.  
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit :  
a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.  
Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion :  
build thou the walls of Jerusalem.  
Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness,  
with burnt offering and whole burnt offering :  
then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

52. Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man ?  
the goodness of God endureth continually.

Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs,  
like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.  
Thou lovest evil more than good ;  
and lying rather than to speak righteousness.  
Thou lovest all devouring words,  
O thou deceitful tongue.

God shall likewise destroy thee for ever,  
he shall take thee away,  
and pluck thee out of thy dwelling place,  
and root thee out of the land of the living.  
The righteous also shall see, and fear,  
and shall laugh at him :

“ Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength ;  
but trusted in the abundance of his riches,  
and strengthened himself in his wickedness.”

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God :  
I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

I will praise thee for ever,  
because thou hast done it :  
and I will wait on thy name ;  
for it is good before thy saints.

53. The fool hath said in his heart,  
 "There is no God."

Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity :  
 there is none that doeth good.

God looked down from heaven upon the children of men,  
 to see if there were any that did understand,  
 that did seek God.

Every one of them is gone back :  
 they are altogether become filthy ;  
 there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge ?  
 who eat up my people as they eat bread :  
 they have not called upon God.

There were they in great fear, where no fear was :  
 for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth  
 against thee :

thou hast put them to shame,  
 because God hath despised them.

Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion !

When God bringeth back the captivity of his people,  
 Jacob shall rejoice,  
 and Israel shall be glad.

54. Save me, O God, by thy name,  
 and judge me by thy strength.  
 Hear my prayer, O God ;  
 give ear to the words of my mouth.

For strangers are risen up against me,  
 and oppressors seek after my soul :  
 they have not set God before them.

Behold, God is mine helper :  
 the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies :  
 cut them off in thy truth.

I will freely sacrifice unto thee :  
 I will praise thy name, O Lord ;  
 for it is good.

For he hath delivered me out of all trouble :  
 and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

55. Give ear to my prayer, O God ;  
 and hide not thyself from my supplication.

Attend unto me, and hear me :

I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise ;  
because of the voice of the enemy,

because of the oppression of the wicked :

for they cast iniquity upon me,

and in wrath they hate me.

My heart is sore pained within me :

and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me,

and horror hath overwhelmed me.

And I said, " Oh that I had wings like a dove !

for then would I fly away, and be at rest.

Lo, then would I wander far off,

and remain in the wilderness.

I would hasten my escape

from the windy storm and tempest."

Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues :

for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof :

mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.

Wickedness is in the midst thereof :

deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

For it was not an enemy that reproached me ;

then I could have borne it :

neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself  
against me ;

then I would have hid myself from him :

but it was thou, a man mine equal,

my guide, and mine acquaintance.

We took sweet counsel together,

and walked unto the house of God in company.

Let death seize upon them,

and let them go down quick into hell :

for wickedness is in their dwellings,

and among them.

As for me, I will call upon God ;

and the Lord shall save me.

Evening and morning and at noon will I pray and cry aloud :

and he shall hear my voice.

He hath delivered my soul in peace

from the battle that was against me :

for there were many with me.

God shall hear, and afflict them,  
 even he that abideth of old.  
 Because they have no changes,  
 therefore they fear not God.  
 He hath put forth his hands  
 against such as be at peace with him :  
 he hath broken his covenant.  
 The words of his mouth were smoother than butter,  
 but war was in his heart :  
 his words were softer than oil,  
 yet were they drawn swords.  
 Cast thy burden upon the Lord,  
 and he shall sustain thee :  
 he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.  
 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruc-  
 tion ;  
 bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their  
 days ;  
 but I will trust in thee.

56. Be merciful unto me, O God :  
 for man would swallow me up ;  
 he fighting daily oppresseth me.  
 Mine enemies would daily swallow me up :  
 for they be many that fight against me, O thou Most  
 High.  
 What time I am afraid,  
 I will trust in thee.  
 In God I will praise his word,  
 in God I have put my trust ;  
 I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.  
 Every day they wrest my words :  
 all their thoughts are against me for evil.  
 They gather themselves together,  
 they hide themselves,  
 they mark my steps,  
 when they wait for my soul.  
 Shall they escape by iniquity ?  
 in thine anger cast down the people, O God.  
 Thou tellest my wanderings :  
 put thou my tears into thy bottle :  
 are they not in thy book ?

When I cry unto thee,  
then shall mine enemies turn back :  
this I know ;  
for God is for me.  
In God will I praise his word :  
in the Lord will I praise his word.  
In God have I put my trust :  
I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.  
Thy vows are upon me, O God :  
I will render praises unto thee.  
For thou hast delivered my soul from death :  
wilt thou not deliver my feet from falling,  
that I may walk before God in the light of the living ?

57. Be merciful unto me, O God,  
be merciful unto me :  
for my soul trusteth in thee :  
yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge,  
until these calamities be overpast.  
I will cry unto God most high ;  
unto God that performeth all things for me.  
He shall send from heaven,  
and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me  
up.

God shall send forth his mercy and truth.  
My soul is among lions :  
and I lie even among them that are set on fire,  
even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows,  
and their tongue a sharp sword.  
Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens ;  
let thy glory be above all the earth.  
They have prepared a net for my steps ;  
my soul is bowed down :  
they have digged a pit before me,  
into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves.  
My heart is fixed, O God,  
my heart is fixed :  
I will sing and give praise.  
Awake up, my glory ;  
awake, psaltery and harp :  
I myself will awake early.  
I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people :

I will sing unto thee among the nations.  
 For thy mercy is great unto the heavens,  
 and thy truth unto the clouds.  
 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens :  
 let thy glory be above all the earth.

58. Do ye indeed speak righteousness,  
 O congregation ?  
 do ye judge uprightly,  
 O ye sons of men ?  
 Yea, in heart ye work wickedness ;  
 ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.  
 The wicked are estranged from the womb :  
 they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.  
 Their poison is like the poison of a serpent :  
 they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear ;  
 which will not hearken to the voice of charmers,  
 charming never so wisely.  
 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth :  
 break out the great teeth of the young lions, O Lord.  
 Let them melt away as waters which run continually :  
 when he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows,  
 let them be as cut in pieces.  
 As a snail which melteth,  
 let every one of them pass away :  
 like the untimely birth of a woman,  
 that they may not see the sun.  
 Before your pots can feel the thorns,  
 he shall take them away as with a whirlwind,  
 both living, and in his wrath.  
 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance :  
 he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.  
 So that a man shall say, " Verily there is a reward for the  
 righteous :  
 verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth."

59. Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God :  
 defend me from them that rise up against me.  
 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity,  
 and save me from bloody men.  
 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul :  
 the mighty are gathered against me ;



not for my transgression,  
nor for my sin, O Lord.

They run and prepare themselves without my fault :  
awake to help me, and behold.

Thou, therefore, O Lord God of hosts, the God of  
Israel,

awake to visit all the heathen :  
be not merciful to any wicked transgressors.

They return at evening :  
they make a noise like a dog,  
and go round about the city.

Behold, they belch out with their mouth :  
swords are in their lips :

“ for who,” say they, “ doth hear ? ”

But thou, O Lord, shalt laugh at them ;  
thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

Because of his strength will I wait upon thee :  
for God is my defence.

The God of my mercy shall prevent me :  
God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies.

Slay them not, lest my people forget :  
scatter them by thy power ;  
and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips  
let them even be taken in their pride :  
and for cursing and lying which they speak.

Consume them in wrath,  
consume them, that they may not be :  
and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob  
unto the ends of the earth.

And at evening let them return ;  
and let them make a noise like a dog,  
and go round about the city.

Let them wander up and down for meat,  
and grudge if they be not satisfied.

But I will sing of thy power ;  
yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning :  
for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my  
trouble.

Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing :  
for God is my defence,  
and the God of my mercy.

60. O God, thou hast cast us off,  
     thou hast scattered us,  
 thou hast been displeased ;  
     O turn thyself to us again.  
 Thou hast made the earth to tremble ;  
     thou hast broken it :  
 heal the breaches thereof ;  
     for it shaketh.  
 Thou hast shewed thy people hard things :  
     thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.  
 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee,  
     that it may be displayed because of the truth.  
 That thy beloved may be delivered ;  
     save with thy right hand, and hear me.  
 God hath spoken in his holiness ;  
     “ I will rejoice,  
 I will divide Shechem,  
     and mete out the valley of Succoth.  
 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine ;  
     Ephraim also is the strength of mine head ;  
 Judah is my lawgiver ;  
     Moab is my washpot ;  
 over Edom will I cast out my shoe :  
     Philistia, triumph thou because of me.”  
 Who will bring me into the strong city ?  
     who will lead me into Edom ?  
 wilt not thou, O God,  
     which hadst cast us off ?  
 and thou, O God,  
     which didst not go out with our armies ?  
 Give us help from trouble :  
     for vain is the help of man.  
 Through God we shall do valiantly :  
     for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

61. Hear my cry, O God ;  
     attend unto my prayer.  
 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee,  
     when my heart is overwhelmed :  
     lead me to the rock that is higher than I.  
 For thou hast been a shelter for me,  
     and a strong tower from the enemy.

I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever :  
I will trust in the covert of thy wings.  
For thou, O God, hast heard my vows :  
thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.  
Thou wilt prolong the king's life :  
and his years as many generations.  
He shall abide before God for ever :  
O prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him.  
So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever,  
that I may daily perform my vows.

62. Truly my soul waiteth upon God :  
from him cometh my salvation.  
He only is my rock and my salvation ;  
he is my defence ;  
I shall not be greatly moved.  
How long will ye imagine mischief against a man ?  
ye shall be slain all of you :  
as a bowing wall shall ye be,  
and as a tottering fence.  
They only consult to cast him down from his excellency :  
they delight in lies :  
they bless with their mouth, -  
but they curse inwardly.  
My soul, wait thou only upon God ;  
for my expectation is from him.  
He only is my rock and my salvation :  
he is my defence ;  
I shall not be moved.  
In God is my salvation and my glory :  
the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.  
Trust in him at all times ;  
ye people, pour out your heart before him :  
God is a refuge for us.  
Surely men of low degree are vanity,  
and men of high degree are a lie :  
to be laid in the balance,  
they are altogether lighter than vanity.  
Trust not in oppression,  
and become not vain in robbery :  
if riches increase,  
set not your heart upon them.

## 56. A BOOK OF BIBLICAL DEVOTIONS

God hath spoken once ;  
twice have I heard this,  
that power belongeth unto God.  
Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy :  
for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

63. O God, thou art my God ;  
early will I seek thee :  
my soul thirsteth for thee,  
my flesh longeth for thee  
in a dry and thirsty land,  
where no water is ;  
to see thy power and thy glory,  
so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.  
Because thy lovingkindness is better than life,  
my lips shall praise thee.  
Thus will I bless thee while I live :  
I will lift up my hands in thy name.  
My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness ;  
and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips :  
when I remember thee upon my bed,  
and meditate on thee in the night watches.  
Because thou hast been my help,-  
therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.  
My soul followeth hard after thee :  
thy right hand upholdeth me.  
But those that seek my soul, to destroy it,  
shall go into the lower parts of the earth.  
They shall fall by the sword :  
they shall be a portion for foxes.  
But the king shall rejoice in God ;  
everyone that sweareth by him shall glory :  
but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

64. Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer :  
preserve my life from fear of the enemy.  
Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked ;  
from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity :  
who whet their tongue like a sword,  
and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words :  
that they may shoot in secret at the perfect :  
suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not,

They encourage themselves in an evil matter :  
they commune of laying snares privily ;  
they say, " Who shall see them ? "  
They search out iniquities ;  
they accomplish a diligent search :  
both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart,  
is deep.  
But God shall shoot at them with an arrow ;  
suddenly shall they be wounded.  
So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves :  
all that see them shall flee away.  
And all men shall fear,  
and shall declare the work of God ;  
for they shall wisely consider of his doing.  
The righteous shall be glad in the Lord,  
and shall trust in him ;  
and all the upright in heart shall glory.

65. Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion :  
and unto thee shall the vow be performed.  
O thou that hearest prayer,  
unto thee shall all flesh come.  
Iniquities prevail against me :  
as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.  
Blessed is the man whom thou choosest,  
and causest to approach unto thee,  
that he may dwell in thy courts :  
we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house,  
even of thy holy temple.  
By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us,  
O God of our salvation ;  
who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth,  
and of them that are afar off upon the sea :  
which by his strength setteth fast the mountains ;  
being girded with power :  
which stilleth the noise of the seas,  
the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.  
They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy  
tokens :  
thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to  
rejoice.  
Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it ;

thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God,  
 which is full of water :  
 thou preparest them corn,  
 when thou hast so provided for it.  
 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly :  
 thou settlest the furrows thereof :  
 thou makest it soft with showers :  
 thou blessest the springing thereof.  
 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness ;  
 and thy paths drop fatness.  
 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness :  
 and the little hills rejoice on every side.  
 The pastures are clothed with flocks ;  
 the valleys also are covered over with corn ;  
 they shout for joy,  
 they also sing.

**66.** Make a joyful noise unto God,  
 all ye lands :  
 sing forth the honour of his name :  
 make his praise glorious.  
 Say unto God, " How terrible art thou in thy works !  
 through the greatness of thy power  
 shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.  
 All the earth shall worship thee,  
 and shall sing unto thee ;  
 they shall sing to thy name."

Come and see the works of God :  
 he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.  
 He turned the sea into dry land :  
 they went through the flood on foot :  
 there did we rejoice in him.  
 He ruleth by his power for ever ;  
 his eyes behold the nations :  
 let not the rebellious exalt themselves.  
 O bless our God, ye people,  
 and make the voice of his praise to be heard :  
 which holdeth our soul in life,  
 and suffereth not our feet to be moved.  
 For thou, O Lord, hast proved us :  
 thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.  
 Thou broughtest us into the net ;

thou laidst affliction upon our loins.  
Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads ;  
we went through fire and through water :  
but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.  
I will go into thy house with burnt offerings :  
I will pay thee my vows,  
which my lips have uttered,  
and my mouth hath spoken,  
when I was in trouble.  
I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings,  
with the incense of rams ;  
I will offer bullocks with goats.  
Come and hear, all ye that fear God,  
and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.  
I cried unto him with my mouth,  
and he was extolled with my tongue.  
If I regard iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord will not hear me :  
but verily God hath heard me ;  
he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.  
Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer,  
nor his mercy from me.

67. God be merciful to us, and bless us ;  
and cause his face to shine upon us ;  
that thy way may be known upon earth,  
thy saving health among all nations.  
Let the people praise thee, O God ;  
let all the people praise thee.  
O let the nations be glad and sing for joy ;  
for thou shalt judge the people righteously,  
and govern the nations upon earth.  
Let the people praise thee, O God ;  
let all the people praise thee.  
Then shall the earth yield her increase ;  
and God, even our own God, shall bless us.  
God shall bless us ;  
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

68. Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered :  
let them also that hate him flee before him.  
As smoke is driven away,

so drive them away :  
 as wax melteth before the fire,  
 so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.  
 But let the righteous be glad ;  
 let them rejoice before God :  
 yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.  
 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name :  
 extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name Jah,  
 and rejoice before him.  
 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows,  
 is God in his holy habitation.  
 God setteth the solitary in families :  
 he bringeth out those which are bound with chains :  
 but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.  
 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people,  
 when thou didst march through the wilderness ;  
 the earth shook,  
 the heavens also dropped at the presence of God :  
 even Sinai itself was moved  
 at the presence of God, the God of Israel.  
 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain,  
 whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was  
 weary.  
 Thy congregation hath dwelt therein :  
 thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.  
 The Lord gave the word :  
 great was the company of those that published it.  
 Kings of armies did flee apace :  
 and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.  
 Though ye have lien among the pots,  
 yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver,  
 and her feathers with yellow gold.  
 When the Almighty scattered kings in it,  
 it was white as snow in Salmon.  
 The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan ;  
 an high hill, as the hill of Bashan.  
 Why leap ye, ye high hills ?  
 this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in ;  
 yea, the Lord will dwell in it for ever.  
 The chariots of God are twenty thousand,  
 even thousands of angels :  
 the Lord is among them,



as in Sinai, in the holy place.  
Thou hast ascended on high,  
thou hast led captivity captive :  
thou hast received gifts for men ;  
yea, for the rebellious also,  
that the Lord God might dwell among them.  
Blessed be the Lord,  
who daily loadeth us with benefits,  
even the God of our salvation.  
He that is our God is the God of salvation ;  
and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death.  
But God shall wound the head of his enemies,  
and the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his  
trespasses.  
The Lord said, " I will bring again from Bashan,  
I will bring my people again from the depths of the sea :  
that thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies,  
and the tongue of thy dogs in the same."  
They have seen thy goings, O God ;  
even the goings of my God, my king, in the sanctuary.  
The singers went before,  
the players on instruments followed after ;  
among them were the damsels playing with timbrels.  
Bless ye God in the congregations,  
even the Lord, from the fountain of Israel.  
There is little Benjamin with their ruler,  
the princes of Judah and their council,  
the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali.  
Thy God hath commanded thy strength :  
strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.  
Because of thy temple at Jerusalem  
shall kings bring presents unto thee.  
Rebuke the company of spearmen,  
the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people,  
till every one submit himself with pieces of silver :  
scatter thou the people that delight in war.  
Princes shall come out of Egypt ;  
Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.  
Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth ;  
O sing praises unto the Lord ;  
to him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens,  
which were of old ;

lo, he doth send out his voice,  
and that a mighty voice.

Ascribe ye strength unto God :  
his excellency is over Israel,  
and his strength is in the clouds.

O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places :  
the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his  
people.

Blessed be God.

**69.** Save me, O God ;  
for the waters are come in unto my soul.

I sink in deep mire,  
where there is no standing :

I am come into deep waters,  
where the floods overflow me.

I am weary of my crying :  
my throat is dried :  
mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of  
mine head :

they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully,  
are mighty :

then I restored that which I took not away.

O God, thou knowest my foolishness ;  
and my sins are not hid from thee.

Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord God of hosts,  
be ashamed for my sake :

let not those that seek thee  
be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel.

Because for thy sake I have borne reproach ;  
shame hath covered my face.

I am become a stranger unto my brethren,  
and an alien unto my mother's children.

For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up ;  
and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen  
upon me.

When I wept and chastened my soul with fasting,  
that was to my reproach.

I made sackcloth also my garment ;  
and I became a proverb to them.

They that sit in the gate speak against me ;

and I was the song of the drunkards.  
But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Lord,  
in an acceptable time :  
O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me,  
in the truth of thy salvation.  
Deliver me out of the mire,  
and let me not sink :  
let me be delivered from them that hate me,  
and out of the deep waters.  
Let not the waterflood overflow me,  
neither let the deep swallow me up,  
and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.  
Hear me, O Lord ;  
for thy lovingkindness is good :  
turn unto me  
according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.  
And hide not thy face from thy servant ;  
for I am in trouble :  
hear me speedily.  
Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it :  
deliver me because of mine enemies.  
Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour :  
mine adversaries are all before thee.  
Reproach hath broken my heart ;  
and I am full of heaviness :  
and I looked for some to take pity,  
but there was none ;  
and for comforters,  
but I found none.  
They gave me also gall for my meat ;  
and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.  
Let their table become a snare before them :  
and that which should have been for their welfare, let it  
become a trap.  
Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not ;  
and make their loins continually to shake.  
Pour out thine indignation upon them,  
and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.  
Let their habitation be desolate ;  
and let none dwell in their tents.  
For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten ;

and they talk to the grief of those whom thou hast wounded.  
 Add iniquity unto their iniquity :  
 and let them not come into thy righteousness.  
 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living,  
 and not be written with the righteous.  
 But I am poor and sorrowful :  
 let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.  
 I will praise the name of God with a song,  
 and will magnify him with thanksgiving.  
 This also shall please the Lord  
 better than an ox or a bullock that hath horns and hoofs.  
 The humble shall see this, and be glad :  
 and your heart shall live that seek God.  
 For the Lord heareth the poor,  
 and despiseth not his prisoners.  
 Let the heaven and earth praise him,  
 the seas, and everything that moveth therein.  
 For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah :  
 that they may dwell there, and have it in possession.  
 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it :  
 and they that love his name shall dwell therein.

**70.** Make haste, O God, to deliver me ;  
 make haste to help me, O Lord.  
 Let them be ashamed and confounded  
 that seek after my soul :  
 let them be turned backward, and put to confusion,  
 that desire my hurt.  
 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame  
 that say, "Aha, aha !"  
 Let all those that seek thee  
 rejoice and be glad in thee :  
 and let such as love thy salvation  
 say continually, "Let God be magnified."  
 But I am poor and needy :  
 make haste unto me, O God :  
 thou art my help and my deliverer ;  
 O Lord, make no tarrying.

**71.** In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust :  
 let me never be put to confusion.  
 Deliver me in thy righteousness,

and cause me to escape :  
incline thine ear unto me,  
and save me.  
Be thou my strong habitation,  
whereunto I may continually resort :  
thou hast given commandment to save me ;  
for thou art my rock and my fortress.  
Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked,  
out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.  
For thou art my hope, O Lord God :  
thou art my trust from my youth.  
By thee have I been holden up from the womb :  
thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels :  
my praise shall be continually of thee.  
I am as a wonder unto many ;  
but thou art my strong refuge.  
Let my mouth be filled with thy praise,  
and with thy honour all the day.  
Cast me not off in the time of old age ;  
forsake me not when my strength faileth.  
For mine enemies speak against me ;  
and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together,  
saying, " God hath forsaken him :  
persecute and take him ;  
for there is none to deliver him."  
O God, be not far from me :  
O my God, make haste for my help.  
Let them be confounded and consumed  
that are adversaries to my soul :  
let them be covered with reproach and dishonour  
that seek my hurt.  
But I will hope continually,  
and will yet praise thee more and more.  
My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and thy salvation  
all the day ;  
for I know not the numbers thereof.  
I will go in the strength of the Lord God :  
I will make mention of thy righteousness,  
even of thine only.  
O God, thou hast taught me from my youth :  
and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.  
Now also when I am old and grey-headed,

O God, forsake me not ;  
 until I have showed thy strength unto this generation,  
 and thy power to every one that is to come.  
 Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high,  
 who hast done great things :  
 O God, who is like unto thee !  
 Thou, which hast showed me great and sore troubles,  
 shalt quicken me again,  
 and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.  
 Thou shalt increase my greatness,  
 and comfort me on every side.  
 I will also praise thee with the psaltery,  
 even thy truth, O my God :  
 unto thee will I sing with the harp,  
 O thou Holy One of Israel.  
 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee ;  
 and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.  
 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long :  
 for they are confounded,  
 for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

72. Give the king thy judgments, O God,  
 and thy righteousness unto the king's son.  
 He shall judge thy people with righteousness,  
 and thy poor with judgment.  
 The mountains shall bring peace to the people,  
 and the little hills, by righteousness.  
 He shall judge the poor of the people,  
 he shall save the children of the needy,  
 and shall break in pieces the oppressor.  
 They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure,  
 throughout all generations.  
 He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass :  
 as showers that water the earth.  
 In his days shall the righteous flourish ;  
 and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.  
 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,  
 and from the river unto the ends of the earth.  
 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him ;  
 and his enemies shall lick the dust.  
 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents :  
 the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

Yea, all kings shall fall down before him :  
all nations shall serve him.  
For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth ;  
the poor also, and him that hath no helper.  
He shall spare the poor and needy,  
and shall save the souls of the needy.  
He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence :  
and precious shall their blood be in his sight.  
And he shall live,  
and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba :  
prayer also shall be made for him continually ;  
and daily shall he be praised.  
There shall be an handful of corn in the earth  
upon the top of the mountains ;  
the first thereof shall shake like Lebanon ;  
and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.  
His name shall endure for ever :  
his name shall be continued as long as the sun :  
and men shall be blessed in him :  
all nations shall call him blessed.  
Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,  
who only doeth wondrous things.  
And blessed be his glorious name for ever ;  
and let the whole earth be filled with his glory :  
Amen, and amen.  
The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

**73.** Truly God is good to Israel,  
even to such as are of a clean heart.  
But as for me, my feet were almost gone ;  
my steps had well-nigh slipped.  
For I was envious at the foolish,  
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.  
For there are no bands in their death :  
but their strength is firm.  
They are not in trouble as other men ;  
neither are they plagued like other men.  
Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain ;  
violence covereth them as a garment.  
Their eyes stand out with fatness :  
they have more than heart could wish.  
They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression :

they speak loftily.  
 They set their mouth against the heavens,  
 and their tongue walketh through the earth.  
 Therefore his people return hither :  
 and waters of a full cup are wrung out to them.  
 And they say, " How doth God know ?  
 and is there knowledge in the most High ? "  
 Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world ;  
 they increase in riches.  
 Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain,  
 and washed my hands in innocency.  
 For all the day long have I been plagued,  
 and chastened every morning.  
 If I say, " I will speak thus " ;  
 behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children.  
 When I thought to know this,  
 it was too painful for me ;  
 until I went into the sanctuary of God ;  
 then understood I their end.  
 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places :  
 thou castedst them down into destruction.  
 How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment !  
 they are utterly consumed with terrors.  
 As a dream when one awaketh ;  
 so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their  
 image.  
 Thus my heart was grieved,  
 and I was pricked in my reins.  
 So foolish was I, and ignorant :  
 I was as a beast before thee.  
 Nevertheless I am continually with thee :  
 thou hast holden me by my right hand.  
 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel,  
 and afterward receive me to glory.  
 Whom have I in heaven but thee ?  
 and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.  
 My flesh and my heart faileth :  
 but God is the strength of my heart,  
 and my portion for ever.  
 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish :  
 thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from  
 thee.



But it is good for me to draw near to God :  
I have put my trust in the Lord God,  
that I may declare all thy works.

74. O God, why hast thou cast us off for ever ?  
why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture ?  
Remember thy congregation,  
which thou hast purchased of old ;  
the rod of thine inheritance,  
which thou hast redeemed ;  
this mount Zion,  
wherein thou hast dwelt.  
Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations ;  
even all that the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.  
Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations ;  
they set up their ensigns for signs.  
A man was famous  
according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees.  
But now they break down the carved work thereof  
at once with axes and hammers.  
They have cast fire into thy sanctuary,  
they have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of thy  
name to the ground.  
They said in their hearts, " Let us destroy them together " :  
they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the  
land.  
We see not our signs :  
there is no more any prophet :  
neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.  
O God, how long shall the adversary reproach ?  
shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever ?  
Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand ?  
pluck it out of thy bosom.  
For God is my King of old,  
working salvation in the midst of the earth.  
Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength :  
thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.  
Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces,  
and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the  
wilderness.  
Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood :  
thou driedst up mighty rivers.

The day is thine, the night also is thine :  
 thou hast prepared the light and the sun.  
 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth :  
 thou hast made summer and winter.  
 Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O Lord,  
 and that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.  
 O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude of  
 the wicked :  
 forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever.  
 Have respect unto the covenant :  
 for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of  
 cruelty.  
 O let not the oppressed return ashamed :  
 let the poor and needy praise thy name.  
 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause :  
 remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily.  
 Forget not the voice of thine enemies :  
 the tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth con-  
 tinually.

**75.** Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks,  
 unto thee do we give thanks :  
 for that thy name is near  
 thy wondrous works declare.  
 When I shall receive the congregation  
 I will judge uprightly.  
 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved :  
 I bear up the pillars of it.  
 I said unto the fools,  
 " Deal not foolishly " :  
 and to the wicked,  
 " Lift not up the horn :  
 lift not up your horn on high :  
 speak not with a stiff neck."  
 For promotion cometh neither from the east,  
 nor from the west, nor from the south.  
 But God is the judge :  
 he putteth down one, and setteth up another.  
 For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup,  
 and the wine is red ;  
 it is full of mixture ;  
 and he poureth out of the same :

but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring  
them out,  
and drink them.

But I will declare for ever ;

I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off ;

but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

76. In Judah is God known :

his name is great in Israel.

In Salem also is his tabernacle,

and his dwelling place in Zion.

There brake he the arrows of the bow,

the shield and the sword and the battle.

Thou art more glorious and excellent

than the mountains of prey.

The stouthearted are spoiled,

they have slept their sleep :

and none of the men of might have found their hands.

At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob,

both the chariot and the horse are cast into a deep sleep.

Thou, even thou, art to be feared :

and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry ?

Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven ;

the earth feared, and was still,

when God arose to judgment,

to save all the meek of the earth.

Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee :

the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.

Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God :

let all that be round about him bring presents unto him  
that ought to be feared.

He shall cut off the spirit of princes :

he is terrible to the kings of the earth.

77. I cried unto the Lord with my voice,

even unto God with my voice ;

and he gave ear unto me.

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord :

my sore ran in the night, and ceased not :

my soul refused to be comforted.

I remembered God, and was troubled :

I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed.  
 Thou holdest mine eyes waking :  
 I am so troubled that I cannot speak.  
 I have considered the days of old,  
 the years of ancient times.  
 I call to remembrance my song in the night :  
 I commune with mine own heart :  
 and my spirit made diligent search.  
 Will the Lord cast off for ever ?  
 and will he be favourable no more ?  
 Is his mercy clean gone for ever ?  
 doth his promise fail for evermore ?  
 Hath God forgotten to be gracious ?  
 hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies ?  
 And I said, " This is my infirmity :  
 but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most  
 High.  
 I will remember the works of the Lord :  
 surely I will remember thy wonders of old.  
 I will meditate also of all thy work,  
 and talk of thy doings.  
 Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary :  
 who is so great a God as our God ?  
 Thou art the God that doest wonders :  
 thou hast declared thy strength among the people.  
 Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people,  
 the sons of Jacob and Joseph.  
 The waters saw thee, O God,  
 the waters saw thee ;  
 they were afraid :  
 the depths also were troubled.  
 The clouds poured out water :  
 the skies sent out a sound :  
 thine arrows also went abroad.  
 The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven :  
 the lightnings lightened the world :  
 the earth trembled and shook.  
 Thy way is in the sea,  
 and thy path in the great waters,  
 and thy footsteps are not known.  
 Thou leddest thy people like a flock  
 by the hand of Moses and Aaron."

78. Give ear, O my people, to my law :  
    incline your ears to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a parable :  
    I will utter dark sayings of old ;  
Which we have heard and known,  
    and our fathers have told us.  
We will not hide them from their children,  
    showing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord,  
    and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.  
For he established a testimony in Jacob,  
    and appointed a law in Israel,  
which he commanded our fathers,  
    that they should make them known to their children :  
that the generation to come might know them,  
    even the children which should be born ;  
who should arise and declare them to their children :  
    that they might set their hope in God,  
and not forget the works of God,  
    but keep his commandments :  
and might not be as their fathers,  
    a stubborn and rebellious generation ;  
a generation that set not their heart aright,  
    and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.  
The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows,  
    turned back in the day of battle.  
They kept not the covenant of God,  
    and refused to walk in his law ;  
and forgot his works,  
    and his wonders that he had showed them.  
Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers,  
    in the land of Egypt,  
    in the field of Zoan.  
He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through ;  
    and he made the waters to stand as an heap.  
In the daytime also he led them with a cloud,  
    and all the night with a light of fire.  
He clave the rocks in the wilderness,  
    and gave them drink as out of the great depths.  
He brought streams also out of the rock,  
    and caused waters to run down like rivers.  
And they sinned yet more against him  
    by provoking the most High in the wilderness.

And they tempted God in their heart  
 by asking meat for their lust.  
 Yea, they spake against God ;  
 they said, " Can God furnish a table in the wilderness ?  
 Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out,  
 and the streams overflowed ;  
 can he give bread also ?  
 can he provide flesh for his people ? "

Therefore the Lord heard this, and was wroth :  
 so a fire was kindled against Jacob,  
 and anger also came up against Israel ;  
 because they believed not in God,  
 and trusted not in his salvation :  
 though he had commanded the clouds from above,  
 and opened the doors of heaven,  
 and had rained down manna upon them to eat,  
 and had given them of the corn of heaven.

Man did eat angel's food :  
 he sent them meat to the full.

He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven :  
 and by his power he brought in the south wind.

He rained flesh also upon them as dust,  
 and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea :  
 and he let it fall in the midst of their camp,  
 round about their habitations.

So they did eat, and were well filled :  
 for he gave them their own desire ;  
 they were not estranged from their lust.

But while their meat was yet in their mouths,  
 the wrath of God came upon them,  
 and slew the fattest of them,  
 and smote down the chosen men of Israel.

For all this they sinned still,  
 and believed not for his wondrous works.

Therefore their days did he consume in vanity,  
 and their years in trouble.

When he slew them, then they sought him :  
 and they returned, and enquired early after God.

And they remembered that God was their rock,  
 and the high God their redeemer.

Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth,  
 and they lied unto him with their tongues.

For their heart was not right with him,  
neither were they stedfast in his covenant.  
But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity,  
and destroyed them not :  
yea, many a time turned he his anger away,  
and did not stir up all his wrath.  
For he remembered that they were but flesh ;  
a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.  
How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness,  
and grieve him in the desert !  
Yea, they turned back and tempted God,  
and limited the Holy One of Israel.  
They remembered not his hand,  
nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy.  
How he had wrought his signs in Egypt,  
and his wonders in the field of Zoan :  
and had turned their rivers into blood ;  
and their floods, that they could not drink.  
He sent divers sorts of flies among them,  
which devoured them ;  
and frogs,  
which destroyed them.  
He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar,  
and their labour unto the locust.  
He destroyed their vines with hail,  
and their sycomore trees with frost.  
He gave up their cattle also to the hail,  
and their flocks to hot thunderbolts.  
He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger,  
wrath, and indignation, and trouble,  
by sending evil angels among them.  
He made a way to his anger ;  
he spared not their soul from death,  
but gave their life over to the pestilence ;  
and smote all the first-born in Egypt ;  
the chief of their strength in the tabernacles of Ham :  
but made his own people to go forth like sheep,  
and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.  
And he led them on safely,  
so that they feared not :  
but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.  
And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary,

even to this mountain, which his right hand had purchased.  
 He cast out the heathen also before them,  
 and divided them an inheritance by line,  
 and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.  
 Yet they tempted and provoked the most High God,  
 and kept not his testimonies :  
 but turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers :  
 they were turned aside like a deceitful bow.  
 For they provoked him to anger with their high places,  
 and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.  
 When God heard this, he was wroth,  
 and greatly abhorred Israel :  
 so that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh,  
 the tent which he had placed among men ;  
 and delivered his strength into captivity,  
 and his glory into the enemy's hand.  
 He gave his people over also unto the sword ;  
 and was wroth with his inheritance.  
 The fire consumed their young men ;  
 and their maidens were not given to marriage.  
 Their priests fell by the sword ;  
 and their widows made no lamentation.  
 Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep,  
 and like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.  
 And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts :  
 he put them to a perpetual reproach.  
 Moreover, he refused the tabernacle of Joseph,  
 and chose not the tribe of Ephraim :  
 but chose the tribe of Judah,  
 the mount Zion which he loved.  
 And he built his sanctuary like high palaces,  
 like the earth which he hath established for ever.  
 He chose David also his servant,  
 and took him from the sheepfolds :  
 from following the ewes great with young  
 he brought him to feed Jacob his people,  
 and Israel his inheritance.  
 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart ;  
 and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

79. O God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance ;  
 thy holy temple have they defiled ;



they have laid Jerusalem on heaps.  
The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat  
unto the fowls of the heaven,  
the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.  
Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem ;  
and there was none to bury them.  
We are become a reproach to our neighbours,  
a scorn and derision to them that are round about us.  
How long, Lord ?  
wilt thou be angry for ever ?  
shall thy jealousy burn like fire ?  
Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee,  
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name.  
For they have devoured Jacob,  
and laid waste his dwelling place.  
O remember not against us former iniquities :  
let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us :  
for we are brought very low.  
Help us, O God of our salvation,  
for the glory of thy name :  
and deliver us, and purge away our sins,  
for thy name's sake.  
Wherefore should the heathen say,  
“ Where is their God ? ”  
let him be known among the heathen in our sight  
by the revenging of the blood of thy servants which is shed.  
Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee ;  
according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those  
that are appointed to die ;  
and render unto our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom their  
reproach,  
wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.  
So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks  
for ever :  
we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.

80. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
thou that ledest Joseph like a flock ;  
thou that dwellest between the cherubims,  
shine forth.  
Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy  
strength,

and come and save us.  
 Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine ;  
 and we shall be saved.  
 O Lord God of hosts,  
 how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people ?  
 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears ;  
 and givest them tears to drink in great measure.  
 Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours :  
 and our enemies laugh among themselves.  
 Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine ;  
 and we shall be saved.  
 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt :  
 thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.  
 Thou preparedst room before it,  
 and didst cause it to take deep root,  
 and it filled the land.  
 The hills were covered with the shadow of it,  
 and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars.  
 She sent out her boughs unto the sea,  
 and her branches unto the river.  
 Why hast thou then broken down her hedges,  
 so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her ?  
 The boar out of the wood doth waste it,  
 and the wild beast out of the field doth devour it.  
 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts :  
 look down from heaven,  
 and behold, and visit this vine ;  
 and the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted,  
 and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself.  
 It is burned with fire, it is cut down :  
 they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.  
 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand,  
 upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself.  
 So will we not go back from thee :  
 quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.  
 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts, cause thy face to shine ;  
 and we shall be saved.

81. Sing aloud unto God our strength :  
 make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.  
 Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel,  
 the pleasant harp with the psaltery.

Blow up the trumpet in the new moon,  
in the time appointed,  
on our solemn feast day.

For this was a statute for Israel,  
and a law of the God of Jacob.

This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony,  
when he went out through the land of Egypt :  
where I heard a language that I understood not.

“ I removed his shoulder from the burden :  
his hands were delivered from the pots.

Thou calledst in trouble,  
and I delivered thee ;

I answered thee in the secret place of thunder :  
I proved thee at the waters of Meribah.

Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee :  
O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me ;

there shall no strange god be in thee ;  
neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

I am the Lord thy God,  
which brought thee out of the land of Egypt :  
open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

But my people would not hearken to my voice ;  
and Israel would none of me.

So I gave them up unto their own heart's lust :  
and they walked in their own counsels.

Oh that my people had hearkened unto me,  
and Israel had walked in my ways !

I should soon have subdued their enemies,  
and turned my hand against their adversaries.

The haters of the Lord should have submitted themselves unto  
him :

but their time should have endured for ever.

He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat :  
and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.”

82. God standeth in the congregation of the mighty ;  
he judgeth among the gods.

How long will ye judge unjustly,  
and accept the persons of the wicked ?

Defend the poor and fatherless :  
do justice to the afflicted and needy.

Deliver the poor and needy :

rid them out of the hand of the wicked.  
 They know not, neither will they understand ;  
 they walk on in darkness :  
 all the foundations of the earth are out of course.  
 I have said, " Ye are gods ;  
 and all of you are children of the most High.  
 But ye shall die like men,  
 and fall like one of the princes."  
 Arise, O God, judge the earth :  
 for thou shalt inherit all nations.

83. Keep not thou silence, O God :  
 hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.  
 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult :  
 and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.  
 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people,  
 and consulted against thy hidden ones.  
 They have said, " Come, and let us cut them off from being a  
 nation ;  
 that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance."  
 For they have consulted together with one consent :  
 they are confederate against thee :  
 the tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites ;  
 of Moab, and the Hagarenes ;  
 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek ;  
 the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre ;  
 Assur also is joined with them :  
 they have holpen the children of Lot.  
 Do unto them as unto the Midianites ;  
 as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison :  
 which perished at En-dor :  
 they became as dung for the earth.  
 Make their nobles like Oreb and like Zeeb :  
 yea, all their princes as Zebah and as Zalmunna :  
 who said, " Let us take to ourselves  
 the houses of God in possession."  
 O my God, make them like a wheel ;  
 as the stubble before the wind.  
 As the fire burneth a wood,  
 and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire ;  
 so persecute them with thy tempest,  
 and make them afraid with thy storm.

Fill their faces with shame ;  
that they may seek thy name, O Lord.  
Let them be confounded and troubled for ever ;  
yea, let them be put to shame, and perish :  
that men may know that thou, whose name alone is Jehovah,  
art the most High over all the earth.

84. How amiable are thy tabernacles,  
O Lord of hosts !  
My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the  
Lord :  
my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.  
Yea, the sparrow hath found an house,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
even thine altars,  
O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house :  
they will be still praising thee.  
Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee ;  
in whose heart are the ways of them.  
Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well ;  
the rain also filleth the pools.  
They go from strength unto strength,  
every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.  
O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer :  
give ear, O God of Jacob.  
Behold, O God our shield,  
and look upon the face of thine anointed.  
For a day in thy courts  
is better than a thousand.  
I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,  
than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.  
For the Lord God is a sun and shield :  
the Lord will give grace and glory :  
no good thing will he withhold  
from them that walk uprightly.  
O Lord of hosts,  
blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

85. Lord, thou hast been favourable unto thy land :  
thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people,  
 thou hast covered all their sin.  
 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath :  
 thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger.  
 Turn us, O God of our salvation,  
 and cause thine anger toward us to cease.  
 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever ?  
 wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations ?  
 Wilt thou not revive us again :  
 that thy people may rejoice in thee ?  
 Shew us thy mercy, O Lord,  
 and grant us thy salvation.  
 I will hear what God the Lord will speak :  
 for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints :  
 but let them not turn again to folly.  
 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him ;  
 that glory may dwell in our land.  
 Mercy and truth are met together ;  
 righteousness and peace have kissed each other.  
 Truth shall spring out of the earth ;  
 and righteousness shall look down from heaven.  
 Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good ;  
 and our land shall yield her increase.  
 Righteousness shall go before him ;  
 and shall set us in the way of his steps.

**86.** Bow down thine ear, O Lord, hear me :  
 for I am poor and needy.  
 Preserve my soul ;  
 for I am holy :  
 O thou my God, save thy servant  
 that trusteth in thee.  
 Be merciful unto me, O Lord :  
 for I cry unto thee daily.  
 Rejoice the soul of thy servant :  
 for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.  
 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive ;  
 and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.  
 Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer ;  
 and attend to the voice of my supplications.  
 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee :  
 for thou wilt answer me.

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord ;  
neither are there any works like unto thy works.  
All nations whom thou hast made  
shall come and worship before thee, O Lord ;  
and shall glorify thy name.  
For thou art great, and doest wondrous things :  
thou art God alone.  
Teach me thy way, O Lord ;  
I will walk in thy truth :  
unite my heart to fear thy name.  
I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart :  
and I will glorify thy name for evermore.  
For great is thy mercy toward me :  
and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.  
O God, the proud are risen against me,  
and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my  
soul ;  
and have not set thee before them.  
But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and  
gracious,  
longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.  
O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me ;  
give thy strength unto thy servant,  
and save the son of thine handmaid.  
Shew me a token for good ;  
that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed :  
because thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

**87.** His foundation is in the holy mountains.

The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings  
of Jacob.  
Glorious things are spoken of thee,  
O city of God.  
I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know  
me ;  
behold Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia ;  
this man was born there.  
And of Zion it shall be said,  
“ This and that man was born in her :  
and the highest himself shall establish her.  
The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people,  
that this man was born there.”

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As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be  
there :  
all my springs are in thee.

88. O Lord God of my salvation,  
I have cried day and night before thee :  
let my prayer come before thee :  
incline thine ear unto my cry ;  
for my soul is full of troubles :  
and my life draweth nigh unto the grave.  
I am counted with them that go down into the pit :  
I am as a man that hath no strength :  
free among the dead,  
like the slain that lie in the grave,  
whom thou rememberest no more :  
and they are cut off from thy hand.  
Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit,  
in darkness, in the deeps.  
Thy wrath lieth hard upon me,  
and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves.  
Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me ;  
thou hast made me an abomination unto them :  
I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.  
Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction :  
Lord, I have called daily upon thee,  
I have stretched out my hands unto thee.  
Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead ?  
shall the dead arise and praise thee ?  
Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave ?  
or thy faithfulness in destruction ?  
Shall thy wonders be known in the dark ?  
and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness ?  
But unto thee have I cried, O Lord ;  
and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee.  
Lord, why castest thou off my soul ?  
why hidest thou thy face from me ?  
I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up :  
while I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.  
Thy fierce wrath goeth over me ;  
thy terrors have cut me off.  
They came round about me daily like water ;  
they compassed me about together.



Lover and friend hast thou put far from me,  
and mine acquaintance into darkness.

89. I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever :  
with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all  
generations.

For I have said, " Mercy shall be built up for ever :  
thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens."

" I have made a covenant with my chosen,

I have sworn unto David my servant,  
thy seed will I establish for ever,  
and build up thy throne to all generations."

And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O Lord :  
thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

For who in the heaven can be compared unto the Lord ?  
who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the  
Lord ?

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints,  
and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

O Lord God of Hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee ?  
or to thy faithfulness round about thee ?

Thou rulest the raging of the sea :  
when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain ;  
thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm.

The heavens are thine,  
the earth also is thine :

as for the world and the fulness thereof,  
thou hast founded them.

The north and the south thou hast created them :  
Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name.

Thou hast a mighty arm :  
strong is thy hand,  
and high is thy right hand.

Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne:  
mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound :  
they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

In thy name shall they rejoice all the day :  
and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

For thou art the glory of their strength :  
and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted.

For the Lord is our defence ;  
     and the Holy One of Israel is our king.  
 Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one,  
     and saidst, " I have laid help upon one that is mighty,  
     I have exalted one chosen out of the people.  
 I have found David my servant ;  
     with my holy oil have I anointed him :  
 with whom my hand shall be established :  
     mine arm also shall strengthen him.  
 The enemy shall not exact upon him ;  
     nor the son of wickedness afflict him.  
 And I will beat down his foes before his face,  
     and plague them that hate him.  
 But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him :  
     and in my mercy shall his horn be exalted.  
 I will set his hand also in the sea,  
     and his right hand in the rivers.  
 He shall cry unto me, ' Thou art my father,  
     my God, and the rock of my salvation.'  
 Also I will make him my first-born,  
     higher than the kings of the earth.  
 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore,  
     and my covenant shall stand fast with him.  
 His seed also will I make to endure for ever,  
     and his throne as the days of heaven.  
 If his children forsake my law,  
     and walk not in my judgments ;  
 if they break my statutes,  
     and keep not my commandments ;  
 then I will visit their transgressions with the rod,  
     and their iniquity with stripes.  
 Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from  
     him,  
     nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.  
 My covenant will I not break,  
     nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.  
 Once have I sworn by my holiness,  
     that I will not lie unto David.  
 His seed shall endure for ever,  
     and his throne as the sun before me.  
 It shall be established for ever as the morn,  
     and as a faithful witness in heaven."

But thou hast cast off and abhorred,  
thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.  
Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant :  
thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.  
Thou hast broken down all his hedges ;  
thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin.  
All that pass by the way spoil him :  
he is a reproach to his neighbours.  
Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries ;  
thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.  
Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword,  
and hast not made him to stand in the battle.  
Thou hast made his glory to cease,  
and cast his throne down to the ground.  
The days of his youth hast thou shortened :  
thou hast covered him with shame.  
How long, Lord ?  
wilt thou hide thyself for ever ?  
shall thy wrath burn like fire ?  
Remember how short my time is :  
wherefore hast thou made all men in vain ?  
What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death ?  
shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave ?  
Lord, where are thy former lovingkindnesses,  
which thou swarest unto David in thy truth ?  
Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants ;  
how I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty  
people ;  
wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O Lord ;  
wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine  
anointed.  
Blessed be the Lord for evermore.  
Amen, and Amen.

90. Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place  
in all generations.  
Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world,  
even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.  
Thou turnest man to destruction ;  
and sayest, "Return, ye children of men."  
For a thousand years in thy sight

are but as yesterday when it is past,  
 and as a watch in the night.  
 Thou carriest them away as with a flood ;  
 they are as a sleep :  
 in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.  
 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up ;  
 in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.  
 For we are consumed by thine anger,  
 and by thy wrath are we troubled.  
 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee,  
 our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.  
 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath :  
 we spend our years as a tale that is told.  
 The days of our years are threescore years and ten ;  
 and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years,  
 yet is their strength labour and sorrow ;  
 for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.  
 Who knoweth the power of thine anger ?  
 even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.  
 So teach us to number our days,  
 that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.  
 Return, O Lord, how long ?  
 and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.  
 O satisfy us early with thy mercy ;  
 that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
 Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted  
 us,  
 and the years wherein we have seen evil.  
 Let thy work appear unto thy servants,  
 and thy glory unto their children.  
 And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us :  
 and establish thou the work of our hands upon us ;  
 yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

**91.** He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High  
 shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.  
 I will say of the Lord, " He is my refuge and my fortress :  
 my God ; in him will I trust.  
 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler,  
 and from the noisome pestilence.  
 He shall cover thee with his feathers,  
 and under his wings shalt thou trust :

his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.  
Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night ;  
nor for the arrow that flieth by day ;  
nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness ;  
nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.  
A thousand shall fall at thy side,  
and ten thousand at thy right hand ;  
but it shall not come nigh thee.  
Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold  
and see the reward of the wicked.  
Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge,  
even the most High, thy habitation ;  
there shall no evil befall thee,  
neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.  
For he shall give his angels charge over thee,  
to keep thee in all thy ways.  
They shall bear thee up in their hands,  
lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.  
Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder :  
the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.”  
Because he hath set his love upon me,  
therefore will I deliver him :  
I will set him on high,  
because he hath known my name.  
He shall call upon me,  
and I will answer him :  
I will be with him in trouble ;  
I will deliver him, and honour him.  
With long life will I satisfy him,  
and show him my salvation.

92. It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,  
and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High :  
to show forth thy lovingkindness in the morning,  
and thy faithfulness every night,  
upon an instrument of ten strings,  
and upon the psaltery ;  
upon the harp with a solemn sound.  
For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work :  
I will triumph in the works of thy hands.  
O Lord, how great are thy works !  
and thy thoughts are very deep.

A brutish man knoweth not ;  
 neither doth a fool understand this.  
 When the wicked spring as the grass,  
 and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish ;  
 it is that they shall be destroyed for ever :  
 but thou, Lord, art most high for evermore.  
 For, lo, thine enemies, O Lord,  
 for, lo, thine enemies shall perish ;  
 all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.  
 But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn :  
 I shall be anointed with fresh oil.  
 Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies,  
 and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up  
 against me.  
 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree :  
 he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.  
 Those that be planted in the house of the Lord  
 shall flourish in the courts of our God.  
 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age ;  
 they shall be fat and flourishing ;  
 to show that the Lord is upright :  
 he is my rock,  
 and there is no unrighteousness in him.

93. The Lord reigneth,  
 he is clothed with majesty ;  
 the Lord is clothed with strength,  
 wherewith he hath girded himself :  
 the world also is stablished,  
 that it cannot be moved.  
 Thy throne is established of old :  
 thou art from everlasting.  
 The floods have lifted up, O Lord,  
 the floods have lifted up their voice ;  
 the floods lift up their waves.  
 The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters,  
 yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.  
 Thy testimonies are very sure :  
 holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever.

94. O Lord God, to whom vengeance belongeth ;  
 O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, show thyself.

Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth :  
    render a reward to the proud.  
Lord, how long shall the wicked,  
    how long shall the wicked triumph ?  
How long shall they utter and speak hard things ?  
    and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves ?  
They break in pieces thy people, O Lord,  
    and afflict thine heritage.  
They slay the widow and the stranger,  
    and murder the fatherless.  
Yet they say, " The Lord shall not see,  
    neither shall the God of Jacob regard it."  
Understand, ye brutish among the people :  
    and ye fools, when will ye be wise ?  
He that planted the ear, shall he not hear ?  
    he that formed the eye, shall he not see ?  
He that chastiseth the heathen, shall he not correct ?  
    he that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he know ?  
The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man,  
    that they are vanity.  
Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord,  
    and teachest him out of thy law ;  
that thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity,  
    until the pit be digged for the wicked.  
For the Lord will not cast off his people,  
    neither will he forsake his inheritance.  
But judgment shall return unto righteousness :  
    and all the upright in heart shall follow it.  
Who will rise up for me against the evildoers ?  
    or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity ?  
Unless the Lord had been my help,  
    my soul had almost dwelt in silence.  
When I said, " My foot slippeth " ;  
    thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.  
In the multitude of my thoughts within me  
    thy comforts delight my soul.  
Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee,  
    which frameth mischief by a law ?  
They gather themselves together against the soul of the  
    righteous,  
    and condemn innocent blood.  
But the Lord is my defence ;

and my God is the rock of my refuge.  
 And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity,  
 and shall cut them off in their own wickedness ;  
 yea, the Lord our God shall cut them off.

95. O come, let us sing unto the Lord :  
 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.  
 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,  
 and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.  
 For the Lord is a great God,  
 and a great King above all gods.  
 In his hand are the deep places of the earth :  
 the strength of the hills is his also.  
 The sea is his, and he made it :  
 and his hands formed the dry land.  
 O come, let us worship and bow down :  
 let us kneel before the Lord our maker.  
 For he is our God ;  
 and we are the people of his pasture,  
 and the sheep of his hand.  
 To-day if ye will hear his voice,  
 " Harden not your heart, as in the provocation,  
 and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness :  
 when your fathers tempted me,  
 proved me, and saw my work.  
 Forty years long was I grieved with this generation,  
 and said, ' It is a people that do err in their heart,  
 and they have not known my ways :  
 unto whom I swear in my wrath,  
 that they should not enter into my rest.' "

96. O sing unto the Lord a new song :  
 sing unto the Lord, all the earth.  
 Sing unto the Lord, bless his name ;  
 show forth his salvation from day to day.  
 Declare his glory among the heathen,  
 his wonders among all people.  
 For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised :  
 he is to be feared above all gods.  
 For all the gods of the nations are idols :  
 but the Lord made the heavens.  
 Honour and majesty are before him :



strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.  
Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people,  
give unto the Lord glory and strength.  
Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name :  
bring an offering, and come into his courts.  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness :  
fear before him, all the earth.  
Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth :  
the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved :  
he shall judge the people righteously.  
Let the heavens rejoice,  
and let the earth be glad ;  
let the sea roar,  
and the fulness thereof.  
Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein :  
then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord :  
for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth :  
he shall judge the world with righteousness,  
and the people with his truth.

97. The Lord reigneth ;  
let the earth rejoice ;  
let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.  
Clouds and darkness are round about him :  
righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.  
A fire goeth before him,  
and burneth up his enemies round about.  
His lightnings enlightened the world :  
the earth saw, and trembled.  
The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord,  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.  
The heavens declare his righteousness,  
and all the people see his glory.  
Confounded be all they that serve graven images,  
that boast themselves of idols :  
worship him, all ye gods.  
Zion heard, and was glad ;  
and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments,  
O Lord.  
For thou, Lord, art high above all the earth :  
thou art exalted far above all gods.  
Ye that love the Lord, hate evil :

he preserveth the souls of his saints ;  
 he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.  
 Light is sown for the righteous,  
 and gladness for the upright in heart.  
 Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous ;  
 and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

**98.** O sing unto the Lord a new song ;  
 for he hath done marvellous things :  
 his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.  
 The Lord hath made known his salvation :  
 his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the  
 heathen.  
 He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house  
 of Israel :  
 all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.  
 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth :  
 make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.  
 Sing unto the Lord with the harp ;  
 with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.  
 With trumpets and sound of cornet  
 make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King.  
 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof ;  
 the world, and they that dwell therein.  
 Let the floods clap their hands :  
 let the hills be joyful together before the Lord ;  
 for he cometh to judge the earth :  
 with righteousness shall he judge the world,  
 and the people with equity.

**99.** The Lord reigneth ;  
 let the people tremble :  
 he sitteth between the cherubims ;  
 let the earth be moved.  
 The Lord is great in Zion ;  
 and he is high above all the people.  
 Let them praise thy great and terrible name ;  
 for it is holy.  
 The king's strength also loveth judgment ;  
 thou dost establish equity,  
 thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.  
 Exalt ye the Lord our God,

and worship at his footstool ;  
for he is holy.  
Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among them that call upon his name ;  
they called upon the Lord,  
and he answered them.  
He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar :  
they kept his testimonies,  
and the ordinance that he gave them.  
Thou answeredst them, O Lord our God :  
thou wast a God that forgavest them,  
though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.  
Exalt the Lord our God,  
and worship at his holy hill ;  
for the Lord our God is holy.

**100.** Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.  
Serve the Lord with gladness :  
come before his presence with singing.  
Know ye that the Lord he is God :  
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves ;  
we are his people,  
and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,  
and into his courts with praise :  
be thankful unto him,  
and bless his name.  
For the Lord is good ;  
his mercy is everlasting ;  
and his truth endureth to all generations.

**101.** I will sing of mercy and judgment :  
unto thee, O Lord, will I sing.  
I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way.  
O when wilt thou come unto me ?  
I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.  
I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes :  
I hate the work of them that turn aside ;  
it shall not cleave to me.  
A froward heart shall depart from me :  
I will not know a wicked person.  
Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour,

him will I cut off :  
 him that hath an high look and a proud heart  
 will not I suffer.  
 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land,  
 that they may dwell with me :  
 he that walketh in a perfect way,  
 he shall serve me.  
 He that worketh deceit  
 shall not dwell within my house :  
 he that telleth lies  
 shall not tarry in my sight.  
 I will early destroy all the wicked of the land ;  
 that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the  
 Lord.

**102.** Hear my prayer, O Lord,  
 and let my cry come unto thee.  
 Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble ;  
 incline thine ear unto me :  
 in the day when I call  
 answer me speedily.  
 For my days are consumed like smoke,  
 and my bones are burned as an hearth.  
 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass ;  
 so that I forget to eat my bread.  
 By reason of the voice of my groaning  
 my bones cleave to my skin.  
 I am like a pelican of the wilderness :  
 I am like an owl of the desert.  
 I watch, and am as a sparrow  
 alone upon the housetop.  
 Mine enemies reproach me all the day ;  
 and they that are mad against me are sworn against me.  
 For I have eaten ashes like bread,  
 and mingled my drink with weeping,  
 because of thine indignation and thy wrath :  
 for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.  
 My days are like a shadow that declineth ;  
 and I am withered like grass.  
 But thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever ;  
 and thy remembrance unto all generations.  
 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion :

for the time to favour her,  
yea, the set time, is come.  
For thy servants take pleasure in her stones,  
and favour the dust thereof.  
So the heathen shall fear the name of the Lord,  
and all the kings of the earth thy glory.  
When the Lord shall build up Zion,  
he shall appear in his glory.  
He will regard the prayer of the destitute,  
and not despise their prayer.  
This shall be written for the generation to come :  
and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord.  
For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary ;  
from heaven did the Lord behold the earth ;  
to hear the groaning of the prisoner ;  
to loose those that are appointed to death ;  
to declare the name of the Lord in Zion,  
and his praise in Jerusalem ;  
when the people are gathered together,  
and the kingdoms, to serve the Lord.  
He weakened my strength in the way ;  
he shortened my days.  
I said, " O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days :  
thy years are throughout all generations.  
Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth :  
and the heavens are the work of thy hands.  
They shall perish, but thou shalt endure :  
yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment ;  
as a vesture shalt thou change them,  
and they shall be changed :  
but thou art the same,  
and thy years shall have no end.  
The children of thy servants shall continue,  
and their seed shall be established before thee."

103. Bless the Lord, O my soul :  
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits :  
who forgiveth all thine iniquities ;  
who healeth all thy diseases ;  
who redeemed thy life from destruction ;

who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies ;  
 who satisfieth thy mouth with good things ;  
 so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.  
 The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment  
 for all that are oppressed.  
 He made known his ways unto Moses,  
 his acts unto the children of Israel.  
 The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
 slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.  
 He will not always chide :  
 neither will he keep his anger for ever.  
 He hath not dealt with us after our sins ;  
 nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.  
 For as the heaven is high above the earth,  
 so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.  
 As far as the east is from the west,  
 so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.  
 Like as a father pitieth his children,  
 so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.  
 For he knoweth our frame ;  
 he remembereth that we are dust.  
 As for man, his days are as grass :  
 as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.  
 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone ;  
 and the place thereof shall know it no more.  
 But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting  
 upon them that fear him,  
 and his righteousness unto children's children ;  
 to such as keep his covenant,  
 and to those that remember his commandments to do them.  
 The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens ;  
 and his kingdom ruleth over all.  
 Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength,  
 that do his commandments,  
 hearkening unto the voice of his word.  
 Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts ;  
 ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.  
 Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion :  
 bless the Lord, O my soul.

104. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, thou art very great ;

thou art clothed with honour and majesty.  
Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment :  
who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain :  
who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters :  
who maketh the clouds his chariot :  
who walketh upon the wings of the wind :  
who maketh his angels spirits ;  
his ministers a flaming fire :  
who laid the foundations of the earth,  
that it should not be removed for ever.  
Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment :  
the waters stood above the mountains.  
At thy rebuke they fled ;  
at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.  
They go up by the mountains ;  
they go down by the valleys  
unto the place which thou hast founded for them.  
Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over ;  
that they turn not again to cover the earth.  
He sendeth the springs into the valleys,  
which run among the hills.  
They give drink to every beast of the field :  
the wild asses quench their thirst.  
By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation,  
which sing among the branches.  
He watereth the hills from his chambers :  
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.  
He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle,  
and herb for the service of man :  
that he may bring forth food out of the earth ;  
and wine that maketh glad the heart of man,  
and oil to make his face to shine.  
and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.  
The trees of the Lord are full of sap ;  
the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted ;  
where the birds make their nests :  
as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.  
The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats ;  
and the rocks for the conies.  
He appointed the moon for seasons :  
the sun knoweth his going down.  
Thou makest darkness, and it is night :

wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.  
 The young lions roar after their prey,  
 and seek their meat from God.  
 The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together,  
 and lay them down in their dens.  
 Man goeth forth unto his work  
 and to his labour until the evening.  
 O Lord, how manifold are thy works !  
 in wisdom hast thou made them all :  
 the earth is full of thy riches.  
 So is this great and wide sea,  
 wherein are things innumerable,  
 both small and great beasts.  
 There go the ships :  
 there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.  
 These wait all upon thee ;  
 that thou mayest give them their meat in due season.  
 That thou givest them they gather :  
 thou openest thine hand,  
 they are filled with good.  
 Thou hidest thy face,  
 they are troubled :  
 thou takest away their breath,  
 they die, and return to their dust.  
 Thou sendest forth thy spirit,  
 they are created :  
 and thou renewest the face of the earth.  
 The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever :  
 the Lord shall rejoice in his works.  
 He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth :  
 he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.  
 I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live :  
 I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.  
 My meditation of him shall be sweet :  
 I will be glad in the Lord.  
 Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth,  
 and let the wicked be no more.  
 Bless thou the Lord, O my soul.  
 Praise ye the Lord.

**105.** O give thanks unto the Lord ;  
 call upon his name :



make known his deeds among the people.  
Sing unto him,  
sing psalms unto him :  
talk ye of all his wondrous works.  
Glory ye in his holy name :  
let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.  
Seek the Lord, and his strength :  
seek his face evermore.  
Remember his marvellous works that he hath done ;  
his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth ;  
O ye seed of Abraham his servant,  
ye children of Jacob his chosen.  
He is the Lord our God :  
his judgments are in all the earth.  
He hath remembered his covenant for ever,  
the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.  
Which covenant he made with Abraham,  
and his oath unto Isaac ;  
and confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law,  
and to Israel for an everlasting covenant :  
saying, " Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan,  
the lot of your inheritance " :  
when they were but a few men in number ;  
yea, very few, and strangers in it.  
When they went from one nation to another,  
from one kingdom to another people ;  
he suffered no man to do them wrong :  
yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes ;  
saying, " Touch not mine anointed,  
and do my prophets no harm."  
Moreover he called for a famine upon the land :  
he brake the whole staff of bread.  
He sent a man before them,  
even Joseph, who was sold for a servant :  
whose feet they hurt with fetters :  
he was laid in iron :  
until the time that his word came :  
the word of the Lord tried him.  
The king sent and loosed him ;  
even the ruler of the people, and let him go free.  
He made him lord of his house,  
and ruler of all his substance :

to bind his princes at his pleasure ;  
and teach his senators wisdom.  
Israel also came into Egypt ;  
and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.  
And he increased his people greatly ;  
and made them stronger than their enemies.  
He turned their heart to hate his people,  
to deal subtilly with his servants.  
He sent Moses his servant ;  
and Aaron whom he had chosen.  
They shewed his signs among them,  
and wonders in the land of Ham.  
He sent darkness, and made it dark ;  
and they rebelled not against his word.  
He turned their waters into blood,  
and slew their fish.  
Their land brought forth frogs in abundance,  
in the chambers of their kings.  
He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies,  
and lice in all their coasts.  
He gave them hail for rain.  
and flaming fire in their land.  
He smote their vines also and their fig trees ;  
and brake the trees of their coasts.  
He spake, and the locusts came,  
and caterpillars, and that without number,  
and did eat up all the herbs in their land,  
and devoured the fruit of their ground.  
He smote also all the firstborn in their land,  
the chief of all their strength.  
He brought them forth also with silver and gold :  
and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.  
Egypt was glad when they departed :  
for the fear of them fell upon them.  
He spread a cloud for a covering ;  
and fire to give light in the night.  
The people asked, and he brought them quails,  
and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.  
He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out ;  
they ran in the dry places like a river.  
For he remembered his holy promise,  
and Abraham his servant.

And he brought forth his people with joy,  
and his chosen with gladness :  
and gave them the lands of the heathen :  
and they inherited the labour of the people ;  
that they might observe his statutes,  
and keep his laws.  
Praise ye the Lord.

**106.** Praise ye the Lord.

O give thanks unto the Lord ;  
for he is good :  
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord ?  
who can show forth all his praise ?

Blessed are they that keep judgment,  
and he that doeth righteousness at all times.

Remember me, O Lord,  
with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people :

O visit me with thy salvation ;  
that I may see the good of thy chosen,  
that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation,  
that I may glory with thine inheritance.

We have sinned with our fathers,  
we have committed iniquity,  
we have done wickedly.

Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt ;  
they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies ;  
but provoked him at the sea,  
even at the Red Sea.

Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake,  
that he might make his mighty power to be known.

He rebuked the Red Sea also,  
and it was dried up :

so he led them through the depths,  
as through the wilderness.

And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them,  
and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

And the waters covered their enemies :  
there was not one of them left.

Then believed they his words ;  
they sang his praise.

They soon forgot his works ;

they waited not for his counsel :  
 but lusted exceedingly in the wilderness,  
 and tempted God in the desert.  
 And he gave them their request ;  
 but sent leanness into their soul.  
 They envied Moses also in the camp,  
 and Aaron the saint of the Lord.  
 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan,  
 and covered the company of Abiram.  
 And a fire was kindled in their company ;  
 the flame burned up the wicked.  
 They made a calf in Horeb,  
 and worshipped the molten image.  
 Thus they changed their glory  
 into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.  
 They forgot God their Saviour,  
 which had done great things in Egypt ;  
 wondrous works in the land of Ham,  
 and terrible things by the Red Sea.  
 Therefore he said that he would destroy them,  
 had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the  
 breach,  
 to turn away his wrath,  
 lest he should destroy them.  
 Yea, they despised the pleasant land,  
 they believed not his word :  
 but murmured in their tents,  
 and hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord.  
 Therefore he lifted up his hand against them,  
 to overthrow them in the wilderness :  
 to overthrow their seed also among the nations,  
 and to scatter them in the lands.  
 They joined themselves also unto Baal-peor,  
 and ate the sacrifices of the dead.  
 Thus they provoked him to anger with their inventions :  
 and the plague brake in upon them.  
 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment :  
 and so the plague was stayed.  
 And that was counted unto him for righteousness  
 unto all generations for evermore.  
 They angered him also at the waters of strife,  
 so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes :

because they provoked his spirit,  
so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.  
They did not destroy the nations,  
concerning whom the Lord commanded them :  
but were mingled among the heathen,  
and learned their works.  
And they served their idols :  
which were a snare unto them.  
Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils,  
and shed innocent blood,  
even the blood of their sons and of their daughters,  
whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan :  
and the land was polluted with blood.  
Thus were they defiled with their own works,  
and went a whoring with their own inventions.  
Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against his people,  
insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.  
And he gave them into the hand of the heathen ;  
and they that hated them ruled over them.  
Their enemies also oppressed them,  
and they were brought into subjection under their hand.  
Many times did he deliver them ;  
but they provoked him with their counsel,  
and were brought low for their iniquity.  
Nevertheless he regarded their affliction,  
when he heard their cry :  
and he remembered for them his covenant,  
and repented according to the multitude of his mercies.  
He made them also to be pitied  
of all those that carried them captives.  
Save us, O Lord our God,  
and gather us from among the heathen,  
to give thanks unto thy holy name,  
and to triumph in thy praise.  
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel  
from everlasting to everlasting :  
and let all the people say, " Amen."  
Praise ye the Lord.

107. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good :  
for his mercy endureth for ever.  
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy ;  
 and gathered them out of the lands,  
     from the east and from the west,  
     from the north and from the south.  
 They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way ;  
     they found no city to dwell in.  
 Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.  
     Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble,  
     and he delivered them out of their distresses.  
 And he led them forth by the right way,  
     that they might go to a city of habitation.  
 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness,  
     and for his wonderful works to the children of men !  
 For he satisfieth the longing soul,  
     and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.  
 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
     being bound in affliction and iron ;  
 because they rebelled against the words of God,  
     and contemned the counsel of the most High :  
 therefore he brought down their heart with labour ;  
     they fell down, and there was none to help.  
 Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble,  
     and he saved them out of their distresses.  
 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,  
     and brake their bands in sunder.  
 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness,  
     and for his wonderful works to the children of men !  
 For he hath broken the gates of brass,  
     and cut the bars of iron in sunder.  
 Fools because of their transgression.  
     and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.  
 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat ;  
     and they draw near unto the gates of death.  
 Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble,  
     and he saveth them out of their distresses.  
 He sent his word, and healed them,  
     and delivered them from their destructions.  
 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness,  
     and for his wonderful works to the children of men !  
 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving,  
     and declare his works with rejoicing.  
 They that go down to the sea in ships,

that do business in great waters ;  
these see the works of the Lord,  
and his wonders in the deep.  
For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind,  
which lifteth up the waves thereof.  
They mount up to the heaven,  
they go down again to the depths :  
their soul is melted because of trouble.  
They reel to and fro,  
and stagger like a drunken man,  
and are at their wit's end.  
Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble,  
and he bringeth them out of their distresses.  
He maketh the storm a calm,  
so that the waves thereof are still.  
Then are they glad because they be quiet ;  
so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.  
Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness,  
and for his wonderful works to the children of men !  
Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people,  
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.  
He turneth rivers into a wilderness,  
and the watersprings into dry ground ;  
a fruitful land into barrenness,  
for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.  
He turneth the wilderness into a standing water,  
and dry ground into watersprings.  
And there he maketh the hungry to dwell,  
that they may prepare a city for habitation ;  
and sow the fields, and plant vineyards,  
which may yield fruits of increase.  
He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly ;  
and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.  
Again, they are minished and brought low  
through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.  
He poureth contempt upon princes,  
and causeth them to wander in the wilderness,  
where there is no way.  
Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction,  
and maketh him families like a flock.  
The righteous shall see it, and rejoice :  
and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

## 108. A BOOK OF BIBLICAL DEVOTIONS

Whoso is wise and will observe these things,  
even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the Lord.

**108.** O God, my heart is fixed ;

I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

Awake, psaltery and harp :

I myself will awake early.

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people :

and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is great above the heavens :

and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens :

and thy glory above all the earth ;

that thy beloved may be delivered :

save with thy right hand, and answer me.

God hath spoken in his holiness :

“ I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem,

and mete out the valley of Succoth.

Gilead is mine ; Manasseh is mine ;

Ephraim also is the strength of mine head ;

Judah is my lawgiver ; Moab is my washpot ;

over Edom will I cast out my shoe ;

over Philistia will I triumph.”

Who will bring me into the strong city ?

who will lead me into Edom ?

Wilt not thou, O God, who hast cast us off ?

and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts ?

Give us help from trouble :

for vain is the help of man.

Through God we shall do valiantly :

for he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

**109.** Hold not thy peace,

O God of my praise :

for the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are  
opened against me :

they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

They compassed me about also with words of hatred ;

and fought against me without a cause.

For my love they are my adversaries :

but I give myself unto prayer.

And they have rewarded me evil for good,



and hatred for my love.  
Set thou a wicked man over him :  
and let Satan stand at his right hand.  
When he shall be judged, let him be condemned :  
and let his prayer become sin.  
Let his days be few ;  
and let another take his office.  
Let his children be fatherless,  
and his wife a widow.  
Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg :  
let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places.  
Let the extortioner catch all that he hath ;  
and let the strangers spoil his labour.  
Let there be none to extend mercy unto him :  
neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children.  
Let his posterity be cut off ;  
and in the generation following let their name be blotted out.  
Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the Lord ;  
and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.  
Let them be before the Lord continually,  
that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.  
Because that he remembered not to shew mercy,  
but persecuted the poor and needy man,  
that he might even slay the broken in heart.  
As he loved cursing,  
so let it come unto him :  
as he delighted not in blessing,  
so let it be far from him.  
As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment,  
so let it come into his bowels like water,  
and like oil into his bones.  
Let it be unto him as the garment which covereth him,  
and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.  
Let this be the reward of mine adversaries from the Lord,  
and of them that speak evil against my soul.  
But do thou for me, O God the Lord, for thy name's sake :  
because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me.  
For I am poor and needy,  
and my heart is wounded within me.  
I am gone like the shadow when it declineth :  
I am tossed up and down as the locust.  
My knees are weak through fasting ;

and my flesh faileth of fatness.  
 I became also a reproach unto them :  
 when they looked upon me, they shook their heads,  
 Help me, O Lord my God :  
 O save me according to thy mercy :  
 that they may know that this is thy hand ;  
 that thou, Lord, hast done it.  
 Let them curse,  
 but bless thou :  
 when they arise, let them be ashamed ;  
 but let thy servant rejoice.  
 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame,  
 and let them cover themselves with their own confusion,  
 as with a mantle.  
 I will greatly praise the Lord with my mouth ;  
 yea, I will praise him among the multitude.  
 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor,  
 to save him from those that condemn his soul.

110. The Lord said unto my Lord,  
 " Sit thou at my right hand,  
 until I make thine enemies thy footstool."  
 The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion :  
 rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.  
 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power,  
 in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning :  
 that hast the dew of thy youth.  
 The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent,  
 " Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."  
 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings  
 in the day of his wrath.  
 He shall judge among the heathen,  
 he shall fill the places with the dead bodies ;  
 he shall wound the heads over many countries.  
 He shall drink of the brook in the way :  
 therefore shall he lift up the head.

111. Praise ye the Lord.  
 I will praise the Lord with my whole heart,  
 in the assembly of the upright,  
 and in the congregation.  
 The works of the Lord are great,  
 sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is honourable and glorious :  
and his righteousness endureth for ever.  
He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered :  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.  
He hath given meat unto them that fear him :  
he will ever be mindful of his covenant.  
He hath showed his people the power of his works,  
that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.  
The works of his hands are verity and judgment ;  
all his commandments are sure.  
They stand fast for ever and ever,  
and are done in truth and uprightness.  
He sent redemption unto his people :  
he hath commanded his covenant for ever :  
holy and reverend is his name.  
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom :  
a good understanding have all they that do his commandments :  
his praise endureth for ever.

**112. Praise ye the Lord.**

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord,  
that delighteth greatly in his commandments.  
His seed shall be mighty upon earth :  
the generation of the upright shall be blessed.  
Wealth and riches shall be in his house :  
and his righteousness endureth for ever.  
Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness :  
he is gracious and full of compassion, and righteous.  
A good man showeth favour, and lendeth :  
he will guide his affairs with discretion.  
Surely he shall not be moved for ever :  
the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.  
He shall not be afraid of evil tidings :  
his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.  
His heart is established, he shall not be afraid,  
until he see his desire upon his enemies.  
He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor ;  
his righteousness endureth for ever ;  
his horn shall be exalted with honour.  
The wicked shall see it, and be grieved ;  
he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away ;  
the desire of the wicked shall perish.

**113.** Praise the Lord.

Praise, O ye servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
from this time forth and for evermore.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same  
the Lord's name is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God,  
who dwelleth on high,

who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven,  
and in the earth !

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust,  
and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill ;

that he may set him with princes,  
even with the princes of his people.

He maketh the barren woman to keep house,  
and to be a joyful mother of children.

Praise ye the Lord.

**114.** When Israel went out of Egypt,  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language ;  
Judah was his sanctuary,  
and Israel his dominion.

The sea saw it, and fled :

Jordan was driven back.

The mountains skipped like rams,  
and the little hills like lambs.

What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest ?  
thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back ?

Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams ;  
and ye little hills, like lambs ?

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord,  
at the presence of the God of Jacob ;  
which turned the rock into a standing water,  
the flint into a fountain of waters.

**115.** Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us,  
but unto thy name give glory,  
for thy mercy and for thy truth's sake.  
Wherefore should the heathen say,

“Where is now their God?”

But our God is in the heavens:

he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

Their idols are silver and gold,

the work of men's hands.

They have mouths, but they speak not:

eyes have they, but they see not:

they have ears, but they hear not:

noses have they, but they smell not:

they have hands, but they handle not:

feet have they, but they walk not:

neither speak they through their throat.

They that make them are like unto them;

so is every one that trusteth in them.

O Israel, trust thou in the Lord:

he is their help and their shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord:

he is their help and their shield.

Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord:

he is their help and their shield.

The Lord hath been mindful of us:

he will bless us;

he will bless the house of Israel;

he will bless the house of Aaron.

He will bless them that fear the Lord,

both small and great.

The Lord shall increase you more and more,

you and your children.

Ye are blessed of the Lord

which made heaven and earth.

The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's:

but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

The dead praise not the Lord,

neither any that go down into silence.

But we will bless the Lord

from this time forth and for evermore.

Praise the Lord.

**116.** I love the Lord,

because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,

therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The sorrows of death compassed me,  
 and the pains of hell gat hold upon me :  
 I found trouble and sorrow.  
 Then called I upon the name of the Lord ;  
 " O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul."  
 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous ;  
 yea, our God is merciful.  
 The Lord preserveth the simple :  
 I was brought low, and he helped me.  
 Return unto thy rest, O my soul ;  
 for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.  
 For thou hast delivered my soul from death,  
 mine eyes from tears,  
 and my feet from falling.  
 I will walk before the Lord  
 in the land of the living.  
 I believed, therefore have I spoken :  
 I was greatly afflicted :  
 I said in my haste,  
 " All men are liars."  
 What shall I render unto the Lord  
 for all his benefits toward me ?  
 I will take the cup of salvation,  
 and call upon the name of the Lord.  
 I will pay my vows unto the Lord  
 now in the presence of all his people.  
 Precious in the sight of the Lord  
 is the death of his saints.  
 O Lord, truly I am thy servant ;  
 I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid :  
 thou hast loosed my bonds.  
 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
 and will call upon the name of the Lord.  
 I will pay my vows unto the Lord  
 now in the presence of all his people,  
 in the courts of the Lord's house,  
 in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.  
 Praise ye the Lord.

117. O praise the Lord, all ye nations :  
 praise him, all ye people.  
 For his merciful kindness is great toward us :

and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.  
Praise ye the Lord.

118. O give thanks unto the Lord ; for he is good :  
because his mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel now say,  
that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the house of Aaron now say,  
that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let them now that fear the Lord say,  
that his mercy endureth for ever.

I called upon the Lord in distress :  
the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place.

The Lord is on my side ; I will not fear :  
what can man do unto me ?

The Lord taketh my part with them that help me :  
therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.

It is better to trust in the Lord  
than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the Lord  
than to put confidence in princes.

All nations compassed me about :  
but in the name of the Lord will I destroy them.

They compassed me about ;  
yea, they compassed me about :  
but in the name of the Lord will I destroy them.

They compassed me about like bees ;  
they are quenched as the fire of thorns :  
for in the name of the Lord will I destroy them.

Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall :  
but the Lord helped me.

The Lord is my strength and song,  
and is become my salvation.

The voice of rejoicing and salvation  
is in the tabernacles of the righteous :  
the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

The right hand of the Lord is exalted :  
the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly,

I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord hath chastened me sore :  
but he hath not given me over unto death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness :

I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord :  
this gate of the Lord,

into which the righteous shall enter.

I will praise thee :

for thou hast heard me,

and art become my salvation.

The stone which the builders refused

is become the head stone of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing ;

it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made ;

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord :

O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord :

we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord, which hath shewed us light :

bind the sacrifice with cords,

even unto the horns of the altar.

Thou art my God, and I will praise thee :

thou art my God, I will exalt thee.

O give thanks unto the Lord ; for he is good :

for his mercy endureth for ever.

## I

119. Blessed are the undefiled in the way,

who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies,

and that seek him with the whole heart.

They also do no iniquity :

they walk in his ways.

Thou hast commanded us

to keep thy precepts diligently.

Oh that my ways were directed

to keep thy statutes !

Then shall I not be ashamed,

when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

I will praise thee with uprightness of heart,

when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

I will keep thy statutes :

O forsake me not utterly.



## II

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?  
by taking heed thereto according to thy word.  
With my whole heart have I sought thee :  
O let me not wander from thy commandments.  
Thy word have I hid in mine heart,  
that I might not sin against thee.  
Blessed art thou, O Lord :  
teach me thy statutes.  
With my lips have I declared  
all the judgments of thy mouth.  
I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies,  
as much as in all riches.  
I will meditate in thy precepts,  
and have respect unto thy ways.  
I will delight myself in thy statutes :  
I will not forget thy word.

## III

Deal bountifully with thy servant,  
that I may live, and keep thy word.  
Open thou mine eyes,  
that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.  
I am a stranger in the earth :  
hide not thy commandments from me.  
My soul breaketh  
for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all  
times.  
Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed,  
which do err from thy commandments.  
Remove from me reproach and contempt ;  
for I have kept thy testimonies.  
Princes also did sit and speak against me :  
but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.  
Thy testimonies also are my delight  
and my counsellors.

## IV

My soul cleaveth unto the dust :  
quicken thou me according to thy word.  
I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me :

teach me thy statutes.  
 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts :  
 so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.  
 My soul melteth for heaviness :  
 strengthen thou me according unto thy word.  
 Remove from me the way of lying :  
 and grant me thy law graciously.  
 I have chosen the way of truth :  
 thy judgments have I laid before me.  
 I have stuck to thy testimonies :  
 O Lord, put me not to shame.  
 I will run the way of thy commandments,  
 when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

## v

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes ;  
 and I shall keep it unto the end.  
 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law ;  
 yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.  
 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments ;  
 for therein do I delight.  
 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,  
 and not to covetousness.  
 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity ;  
 and quicken thou me in thy way.  
 Stablish thy word unto thy servant,  
 who is devoted to thy fear :  
 Turn away my reproach which I fear :  
 for thy judgments are good.  
 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts :  
 quicken me in thy righteousness.

## vi

Let thy mercies come also unto me, O Lord,  
 even thy salvation, according to thy word.  
 So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth  
 me :  
 for I trust in thy word.  
 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth ;  
 for I have hoped in thy judgments.  
 So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.  
 And I will walk at liberty ;

for I seek thy precepts.  
I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings,  
and will not be ashamed.  
And I will delight myself in thy commandments,  
which I have loved.  
My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments,  
which I have loved ;  
and I will meditate in thy statutes.

## VII

Remember the word unto thy servant,  
upon which thou hast caused me to hope.  
This is my comfort in my affliction :  
for thy word hath quickened me.  
The proud have had me greatly in derision :  
yet have I not declined from thy law.  
I remembered thy judgments of old, O Lord ;  
and have comforted myself.  
Horror hath taken hold upon me  
because of the wicked that forsake thy law.  
Thy statutes have been my songs  
in the house of my pilgrimage.  
I have remembered thy name, O Lord, in the night,  
and have kept thy law.  
This I had,  
because I kept thy precepts.

## VIII

Thou art my portion, O Lord :  
I have said that I would keep thy words.  
I intreated thy favour with my whole heart :  
be merciful unto me according to thy word.  
I thought on my ways,  
and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.  
I made haste,  
and delayed not to keep thy commandments.  
The bands of the wicked have robbed me :  
but I have not forgotten thy law.  
At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee  
because of thy righteous judgments.  
I am a companion of all them that fear thee,  
and of them that keep thy precepts.

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The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy :  
teach me thy statutes.

### IX

Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O Lord,  
according unto thy word.  
Teach me good judgment and knowledge :  
for I have believed thy commandments.  
Before I was afflicted I went astray :  
but now have I kept thy word.  
Thou art good, and doest good ;  
teach me thy statutes.  
The proud have forged a lie against me :  
but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.  
Their heart is as fat as grease ;  
but I delight in thy law.  
It is good for me that I have been afflicted ;  
that I might learn thy statutes.  
The law of thy mouth is better unto me  
than thousands of gold and silver.

### X

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me :  
give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.  
They that fear thee will be glad when they see me ;  
because I have hoped in thy word.  
I know, O Lord, that thy judgments are right,  
and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.  
Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort,  
according to thy word unto thy servant.  
Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live :  
for thy law is my delight.  
Let the proud be ashamed ;  
for they dealt perversely with me without cause :  
but I will meditate in thy precepts.  
Let those that fear thee turn unto me,  
and those that have known thy testimonies.  
Let my heart be sound in thy statutes ;  
that I be not ashamed.

### XI

My soul fainteth for thy salvation :  
but I hope in thy word.

Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying,  
"When wilt thou comfort me?"  
For I am become like a bottle in the smoke ;  
yet do I not forget thy statutes.  
How many are the days of thy servant ?  
when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?  
The proud have digged pits for me,  
which are not after thy law.  
All thy commandments are faithful :  
they persecute me wrongfully ;  
help thou me.  
They had almost consumed me upon earth ;  
but I forsook not thy precepts.  
Quicken me after thy lovingkindness ;  
so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

## XII

For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.  
Thy faithfulness is unto all generations :  
thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.  
They continue this day according to thine ordinances :  
for all are thy servants.  
Unless thy law had been my delights,  
I should then have perished in mine affliction.  
I will never forget thy precepts :  
for with them thou hast quickened me.  
I am thine, save me ;  
for I have sought thy precepts.  
The wicked have waited for me to destroy me :  
but I will consider thy testimonies.  
I have seen an end of all perfection :  
but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

## XIII

O how love I thy law !  
it is my meditation all the day.  
Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than  
mine enemies :  
for they are ever with me.  
I have more understanding than all my teachers :  
for thy testimonies are my meditation.  
I understand more than the ancients,

because I keep thy precepts.  
 I have refrained my feet from every evil way,  
 that I might keep thy word.  
 I have not departed from thy judgments :  
 for thou hast taught me.  
 How sweet are thy words unto my taste !  
 yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth !  
 Through thy precepts I get understanding :  
 therefore I hate every false way.

## XIV

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
 and a light unto my path.  
 I have sworn, and I will perform it,  
 that I will keep thy righteous judgments.  
 I am afflicted very much :  
 quicken me, O Lord, according unto thy word.  
 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth,  
 O Lord,  
 and teach me thy judgments.  
 My soul is continually in my hand :  
 yet do I not forget thy law.  
 The wicked have laid a snare for me :  
 yet I erred not from thy precepts.  
 Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage for ever :  
 for they are the rejoicing of my heart.  
 I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes alway,  
 even unto the end.

## XV

I hate vain thoughts :  
 but thy law do I love.  
 Thou art my hiding place and my shield :  
 I hope in thy word.  
 Depart from me, ye evildoers :  
 for I will keep the commandments of my God.  
 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live :  
 and let me not be ashamed of my hope.  
 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe :  
 and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.  
 Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes :  
 for their deceit is falsehood.

Thou putttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross :  
therefore I love thy testimonies.  
My flesh trembleth for fear of thee ;  
and I am afraid of thy judgments.

## XVI

I have done judgment and justice :  
leave me not to mine oppressors.  
Be surety for thy servant for good :  
let not the proud oppress me.  
Mine eyes fail for thy salvation,  
and for the word of thy righteousness.  
Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy,  
and teach me thy statutes.  
I am thy servant :  
give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.  
It is time for thee, Lord, to work :  
for they have made void thy law.  
Therefore I love thy commandments above gold ;  
yea, above fine gold.  
Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to  
be right ;  
and I hate every false way.

## XVII

Thy testimonies are wonderful :  
therefore doth my soul keep them.  
The entrance of thy words giveth light ;  
it giveth understanding unto the simple.  
I opened my mouth, and panted :  
for I longed for thy commandments.  
Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me,  
as thou usedst to do unto those that love thy name.  
Order my steps in thy word :  
and let not iniquity have dominion over me.  
Deliver me from the oppression of man :  
so will I keep thy precepts.  
Make thy face to shine upon thy servant ;  
and teach me thy statutes.  
Rivers of water run down mine eyes,  
because they keep not thy law.

## XVIII

Righteous art thou, O Lord,  
 and upright are thy judgments.  
 Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded  
 are righteous and very faithful.  
 My zeal hath consumed me,  
 because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.  
 Thy word is very pure :  
 therefore thy servant loveth it.  
 I am small and despised :  
 yet do not I forget thy precepts.  
 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,  
 and thy law is the truth.  
 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me :  
 yet thy commandments are my delights.  
 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting :  
 give me understanding, and I shall live.

## XIX

I cried with my whole heart ;  
 hear me, O Lord :  
 I will keep thy statutes.  
 I cried unto thee ;  
 save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.  
 I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried :  
 I hoped in thy word.  
 Mine eyes prevent the night watches,  
 that I might meditate in thy word.  
 Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness :  
 O Lord, quicken me according to thy judgment.  
 They draw nigh that follow after mischief :  
 they are far from thy law.  
 Thou art near, O Lord ;  
 and all thy commandments are truth.  
 Concerning thy testimonies,  
 I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.

## XX

Consider mine affliction, and deliver me :  
 for I do not forget thy law.  
 Plead my cause, and deliver me :  
 quicken me according to thy word.



Salvation is far from the wicked :  
for they seek not thy statutes.  
Great are thy tender mercies, O Lord :  
quicken me according to thy judgments.  
Many are my persecutors and mine enemies ;  
yet do I not decline from thy testimonies.  
I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved ;  
because they kept not thy word.  
Consider how I love thy precepts :  
quicken me, O Lord, according to thy lovingkindness.  
Thy word is true from the beginning :  
and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

## XXI

Princes have persecuted me without a cause :  
but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.  
I rejoice at thy word,  
as one that findeth great spoil.  
I hate and abhor lying :  
but thy law do I love.  
Seven times a day do I praise thee  
because of thy righteous judgments.  
Great peace have they that love thy law :  
and nothing shall offend them.  
Lord, I have hoped for thy salvation,  
and done thy commandments.  
My soul hath kept thy testimonies ;  
and I love them exceedingly.  
I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies :  
for all my ways are before thee.

## XXII

Let my cry come near before thee, O Lord :  
give me understanding according to thy word.  
Let my supplication come before thee :  
deliver me according to thy word.  
My lips shall utter praise,  
when thou hast taught me thy statutes.  
My tongue shall speak of thy word :  
for all thy commandments are righteousness.  
Let thine hand help me ;  
for I have chosen thy precepts.

I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord ;  
 and thy law is my delight.  
 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee ;  
 and let thy judgments help me.  
 I have gone astray like a lost sheep ;  
 seek thy servant ;  
 for I do not forget thy commandments.

120. In my distress I cried unto the Lord,  
 and he heard me.  
 Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips,  
 and from a deceitful tongue.  
 What shall be given unto thee?  
 or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue?  
 Sharp arrows of the mighty,  
 with coals of juniper.  
 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech,  
 that I dwell in the tents of Kedar !  
 My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.  
 I am for peace :  
 but when I speak, they are for war.

121. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,  
 from whence cometh my help.  
 My help cometh from the Lord,  
 which made heaven and earth.  
 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :  
 he that keepeth thee will not slumber.  
 Behold, he that keepeth Israel  
 shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
 The Lord is thy keeper :  
 the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.  
 The sun shall not smite thee by day,  
 nor the moon by night.  
 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil :  
 he shall preserve thy soul.  
 The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in  
 from this time forth, and even for evermore.

122. I was glad when they said unto me,  
 " Let us go into the house of the Lord."  
 Our feet shall stand within thy gates,

O Jerusalem.  
Jerusalem is builded  
as a city that is compact together :  
whither the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord,  
unto the testimony of Israel,  
to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.  
For there are set thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David.  
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem :  
they shall prosper that love thee.  
Peace be within thy walls,  
and prosperity within thy palaces.  
For my brethren and companions' sakes,  
I will now say, "Peace be within thee."  
Because of the house of the Lord our God  
I will seek thy good.

123. Unto thee lift I up mine eyes,  
O thou that dwellest in the heavens.  
Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their  
masters,  
and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress ;  
so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God,  
until that he have mercy upon us.  
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us :  
for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.  
Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that  
are at ease,  
and with the contempt of the proud.

124. If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,  
now may Israel say ;  
if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,  
when men rose up against us :  
then they had swallowed us up quick,  
when their wrath was kindled against us :  
then the waters had overwhelmed us,  
the stream had gone over our soul :  
then the proud waters had gone over our soul.  
Blessed be the Lord,  
who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers :  
 the snare is broken, and we are escaped.  
 Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
 who made heaven and earth.

125. They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion,  
 which cannot be removed,  
 but abideth for ever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem,  
 so the Lord is round about his people  
 from henceforth even for ever.

For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the  
 righteous ;

lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

Do good, O Lord, unto those that be good,  
 and to them that are upright in their hearts.

As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways,  
 the Lord shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity :  
 but peace shall be upon Israel.

126. When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion,  
 we were like them that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
 and our tongue with singing :

then said they among the heathen,

“The Lord hath done great things for them.”

The Lord hath done great things for us ;  
 whereof we are glad.

Turn again our captivity, O Lord,  
 as the streams in the south.

They that sow in tears  
 shall reap in joy.

He that goeth forth and weepeth,  
 bearing precious seed,

shall doubtless come again with rejoicing  
 bringing his sheaves with him.

127. Except the Lord build the house,  
 they labour in vain that build it :

except the Lord keep the city,  
 the watchman waketh but in vain.

It is vain for you to rise up early,

to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows :  
for so he giveth his beloved sleep.  
Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord :  
and the fruit of the womb is his reward.  
As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man ;  
so are the children of the youth.  
Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them :  
they shall not be ashamed,  
but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

128. Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord ;  
that walketh in his ways.  
For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands :  
happy shalt thou be,  
and it shall be well with thee.  
Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine  
by the sides of thine house :  
thy children like olive plants  
round about thy table.  
Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed  
that feareth the Lord.  
The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion :  
and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem  
all the days of thy life.  
Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children,  
and peace upon Israel.

129. Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth,  
may Israel now say :  
many a time have they afflicted me from my youth :  
yet they have not prevailed against me.  
The plowers plowed upon my back :  
they made long their furrows.  
The Lord is righteous :  
he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.  
Let them all be confounded and turned back  
that hate Zion.  
Let them be as the grass upon the housetops,  
which withereth afore it groweth up :  
wherewith the mower filleth not his hand ;  
nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.  
Neither do they which go by say,

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“The blessing of the Lord be upon you :  
we bless you in the name of the Lord.”

**130.** Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.  
Lord, hear my voice :  
let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.  
If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who shall stand ?  
But there is forgiveness with thee,  
that thou mayst be feared.  
I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait,  
and in his word do I hope.  
My soul waiteth for the Lord  
more than they that watch for the morning :  
I say, more than they that watch for the morning.  
Let Israel hope in the Lord :  
for with the Lord there is mercy,  
and with him is plenteous redemption.  
And he shall redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities.

**131.** Lord, my heart is not haughty,  
nor mine eyes lofty :  
neither do I exercise myself in great matters,  
or in things too high for me.  
Surely I have behaved and quieted myself,  
as a child that is weaned of his mother :  
my soul is even as a weaned child.  
Let Israel hope in the Lord  
from henceforth and for ever.

**132.** Lord, remember David, and all his afflictions :  
how he swore unto the Lord,  
and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob ;  
“Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house,  
nor go up into my bed ;  
I will not give sleep to mine eyes,  
or slumber to mine eyelids,  
until I find out a place for the Lord,  
an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.”  
Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah :  
we found it in the fields of the wood.

We will go into his tabernacles :  
we will worship at his footstool.  
Arise, O Lord, into thy rest ;  
thou, and the ark of thy strength.  
Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness ;  
and let thy saints shout for joy.  
For thy servant David's sake  
turn not away the face of thine anointed.  
The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David ;  
he will not turn from it ;  
“Of the fruit of thy body  
will I set upon thy throne.  
If thy children will keep my covenant  
and my testimony that I shall teach them,  
their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.  
For the Lord hath chosen Zion ;  
he hath desired it for his habitation.  
This is my rest for ever : here will I dwell ;  
for I have desired it.  
I will abundantly bless her provision :  
I will satisfy her poor with bread.  
I will also clothe her priests with salvation :  
and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.  
There will I make the hour of David to bud :  
I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.  
His enemies will I clothe with shame :  
but upon himself shall his crown flourish.”

**133.** Behold, how good and how pleasant it is  
for brethren to dwell together in unity !  
It is like the precious ointment upon the head,  
that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard :  
that went down to the skirts of his garments ;  
as the dew of Hermon,  
and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of  
Zion :  
for there the Lord commanded the blessing,  
even life for evermore.

**134.** Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord,  
which by night stand in the house of the Lord.  
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,

and bless the Lord.  
 The Lord that made heaven and earth  
 bless thee out of Zion.

**135. Praise ye the Lord.**

Praise ye the name of the Lord ;  
 praise him, O ye servants of the Lord.  
 Ye that stand in the house of the Lord,  
 in the courts of the house of our God,  
 praise the Lord ;  
 for the Lord is good :  
 sing praises unto his name ;  
 for it is pleasant.  
 For the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself,  
 and Israel for his peculiar treasure.  
 For I know that the Lord is great,  
 and that our Lord is above all gods.  
 Whatsoever the Lord pleased,  
 that did he in heaven, and in earth,  
 in the seas, and all deep places.  
 He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth ;  
 he maketh lightnings for the rain ;  
 he bringeth the wind out of his treasures.  
 Who smote the firstborn of Egypt,  
 both of man and beast.  
 Who sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O  
 Egypt,  
 upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.  
 Who smote great nations,  
 and slew mighty kings ;  
 Sihon king of the Amorites,  
 and Og king of Bashan,  
 and all the kingdoms of Canaan :  
 and gave their land for an heritage,  
 an heritage unto Israel his people.  
 Thy name, O Lord, endureth for ever ;  
 and thy memorial, O Lord, throughout all generations.  
 For the Lord will judge his people,  
 and he will repent himself concerning his servants.  
 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold,  
 the work of men's hands.  
 They have mouths, but they speak not ;



eyes have they, but they see not ;  
they have ears, but they hear not ;  
neither is there any breath in their mouths.

They that make them are like unto them :  
so is every one that trusteth in them.

Bless the Lord, O house of Israel :

    bless the Lord, O house of Aaron :

bless the Lord, O house of Levi :

    ye that fear the Lord, bless the Lord.

Blessed be the Lord out of Zion,

    which dwelleth at Jerusalem.

Praise ye the Lord.

**136.** O give thanks unto the Lord ; for he is good :  
    for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of gods :  
    for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords :  
    for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him who alone doeth great wonders :  
    for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that by wisdom made the heavens :  
    for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that stretched out the earth above the waters :  
    for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that made great lights :  
    for his mercy endureth for ever :

the sun to rule by day :

    for his mercy endureth for ever :

the moon and stars to rule by night :  
    for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn :  
    for his mercy endureth for ever :

and brought out Israel from among them :  
    for his mercy endureth for ever :

with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm :  
    for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him which divided the Red Sea into parts :  
    for his mercy endureth for ever :

and made Israel to pass through the midst of it :  
    for his mercy endureth for ever :

but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea :

for his mercy endureth for ever.  
 To him which led his people through the wilderness :  
 for his mercy endureth for ever.  
 To him which smote great kings :  
 for his mercy endureth for ever :  
 and slew famous kings :  
 for his mercy endureth for ever :  
 Sihon king of the Amorites :  
 for his mercy endureth for ever :  
 and Og the king of Bashan :  
 for his mercy endureth for ever :  
 and gave their land for an heritage :  
 for his mercy endureth for ever :  
 even an heritage unto Israel his servant :  
 for his mercy endureth for ever.  
 Who remembered us in our low estate :  
 for his mercy endureth for ever :  
 and hath redeemed us from our enemies :  
 for his mercy endureth for ever.  
 Who giveth food to all flesh :  
 for his mercy endureth for ever.  
 O give thanks unto the God of heaven :  
 for his mercy endureth for ever.

**137.** By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down,  
 yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.  
 We hanged our harps upon the willows  
 in the midst thereof.  
 For there they that carried us away captive  
 required of us a song ;  
 and they that wasted us  
 required of us mirth, saying,  
 "Sing us one of the songs of Zion."  
 How shall we sing the Lord's song  
 in a strange land ?  
 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem,  
 let my right hand forget her cunning.  
 If I do not remember thee,  
 let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth ;  
 if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.  
 Remember, O Lord, the children of Edom in the day of  
 Jerusalem ;

who said, "Rase it, rase it, even to the foundation thereof."  
O daughter of Babylon,  
who art to be destroyed ;  
happy shall he be,  
that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.  
Happy shall he be,  
that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones.

138. I will praise thee with my whole heart :  
before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.  
I will worship toward thy holy temple,  
and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and thy truth :  
for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.  
In the day when I cried thou answeredst me,  
and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.  
All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord,  
when they hear the words of thy mouth.  
Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord :  
for great is the glory of the Lord.  
Though the Lord be high,  
yet hath he respect unto the lowly :  
but the proud he knoweth afar off.  
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
thou wilt revive me :  
thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine  
enemies,  
and thy right hand shall save me.  
The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me :  
thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever :  
forsake not the works of thine own hands.

139. O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.  
Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising,  
thou understandest my thought afar off.  
Thou compassest my path and my lying down,  
and art acquainted with all my ways.  
For there is not a word in my tongue,  
but lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.  
Thou hast beset me behind and before,  
and laid thine hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me ;  
it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from thy spirit ?  
 or whither shall I flee from thy presence ?  
 If I ascend up into heaven,  
 thou art there :  
 if I make my bed in hell,  
 behold, thou art there.  
 If I take the wings of the morning,  
 and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea ;  
 even there shall thy hand lead me,  
 and thy right hand shall hold me.  
 If I say, " Surely the darkness shall cover me " ;  
 even the night shall be light about me.  
 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee ;  
 but the night shineth as the day :  
 the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.  
 For thou hast possessed my reins :  
 thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.  
 I will praise thee ;  
 for I am fearfully and wonderfully made :  
 marvellous are thy works ;  
 and that my soul knoweth right well.  
 My substance was not hid from thee,  
 when I was made in secret,  
 and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.  
 Thine eyes did see my substance,  
 yet being imperfect ;  
 and in thy book all my members were written,  
 which in continuance were fashioned,  
 when as yet there was none of them.  
 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God !  
 how great is the sum of them !  
 If I should count them,  
 they are more in number than the sand :  
 when I awake, I am still with thee.  
 Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God :  
 depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.  
 For they speak against thee wickedly,  
 and thine enemies take thy name in vain.  
 Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate thee ?  
 and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee ?  
 I hate them with perfect hatred :  
 I count them mine enemies.

Search me, O God, and know my heart :  
try me, and know my thoughts :  
and see if there be any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.

**140.** Deliver me, O Lord, from the evil man :  
preserve me from the violent man ;  
which imagine mischiefs in their heart ;  
continually are they gathered together for war.  
They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent ;  
adders' poison is under their lips.  
Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked ;  
preserve me from the violent man ;  
who have purposed to overthrow my goings.  
The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords ;  
they have spread a net by the wayside ;  
they have set gins for me.

I said unto the Lord, "Thou art my God :  
hear the voice of my supplications, O Lord.  
O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation,  
thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.  
Grant not, O Lord, the desires of the wicked :  
further not his wicked device ;  
lest they exalt themselves."

As for the head of those that compass me about,  
let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

Let burning coals fall upon them :  
let them be cast into the fire ;  
into deep pits, that they rise not up again.

Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth :  
evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.

I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted,  
and the right of the poor.

Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name :  
the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

**141.** Lord, I cry unto thee :  
make haste unto me ;  
give ear unto my voice,  
when I cry unto thee.

Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense ;  
and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth ;  
 keep the door of my lips.  
 Incline not my heart to any evil thing,  
 to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity :  
 and let me not eat of their dainties.  
 Let the righteous smite me ;  
 it shall be a kindness :  
 and let him reprove me ;  
 it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head :  
 for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities.  
 When their judges are overthrown in stony places,  
 they shall hear my words ;  
 for they are sweet.  
 Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth,  
 as when one cutteth and cleaveth wood upon the earth.  
 But mine eyes are unto thee, O God the Lord :  
 in thee is my trust ;  
 leave not my soul destitute.  
 Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me,  
 and the gins of the workers of iniquity.  
 Let the wicked fall into their own nets,  
 whilst that I withal escape.

142. I cried unto the Lord with my voice ;  
 with my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication.  
 I poured out my complaint before him ;  
 I shewed before him my trouble.  
 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me,  
 then thou knewest my path.  
 In the way wherein I walked  
 have they privily laid a snare for me.  
 I looked on my right hand, and beheld,  
 but there was no man that would know me :  
 refuge failed me ;  
 no man cared for my soul.  
 I cried unto thee, O Lord :  
 I said, " Thou art my refuge  
 and my portion in the land of the living.  
 Attend unto my cry ;  
 for I am brought very low :  
 deliver me from my persecutors ;  
 for they are stronger than I.

Bring my soul out of prison,  
that I may praise thy name :  
the righteous shall compass me about ;  
for thou shalt deal bountifully with me."

143. Hear my prayer, O Lord,  
give ear to my supplications :  
in thy faithfulness answer me,  
and in thy righteousness.  
And enter not into judgment with thy servant :  
for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.  
For the enemy hath persecuted my soul ;  
he hath smitten my life down to the ground ;  
he hath made me to dwell in darkness,  
as those that have been long dead.  
Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me ;  
my heart within me is desolate.  
I remember the days of old ;  
I meditate on all thy works ;  
I muse on the work of thy hands.  
I stretch forth my hands unto thee :  
my soul thirsteth for thee,  
as a thirsty land.  
Hear me speedily, O Lord :  
my spirit faileth :  
hide not thy face from me,  
lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.  
Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning ;  
for in thee do I trust :  
cause me to know the way wherein I shall walk ;  
for I lift up my soul unto thee.  
Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies :  
I flee unto thee to hide me.  
Teach me to do thy will ;  
for thou art my God :  
thy spirit is good ;  
lead me into the land of uprightness.  
Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's sake :  
for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.  
And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies,  
and destroy all them that afflict my soul :  
for I am thy servant.

144. Blessed be the Lord my strength,  
 which teacheth my hands to war,  
 and my fingers to fight :

my goodness, and my fortress ;  
 my high tower, and my deliverer ;  
 my shield, and he in whom I trust ;  
 who subdueth my people under me.

Lord, what is man,  
 that thou takest knowledge of him !

or the son of man,  
 that thou makest account of him !

Man is like to vanity :

his days are as a shadow that passeth away.

Bow thy heavens, O Lord, and come down :

touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

Cast forth lightning, and scatter them :

shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.

Send thine hand from above ;

rid me, and deliver me out of great waters,

from the hand of strange children ;

whose mouth speaketh vanity,

and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

I will sing a new song unto thee, O God :

upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings

will I sing praises unto thee.

It is he that giveth salvation unto kings :

who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.

Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children,

whose mouth speaketh vanity,

and their right hand is a hand of falsehood :

that our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth ;

that our daughters may be as corner stones,

polished after the similitude of a palace :

that our garners may be full,

affording all manner of store :

that our sheep may bring forth thousands

and ten thousands in our streets :

that our oxen may be strong to labour ;

that there may be no breaking in, nor going out ;

that there be no complaining in our streets.

Happy is that people, that is in such a case :

yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.



145. I will extol thee, my God, O King ;  
and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.  
Every day will I bless thee ;  
and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.  
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised ;  
and his greatness is unsearchable.  
One generation shall praise thy works to another,  
and shall declare thy mighty acts.  
I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty,  
and of thy wondrous works.  
And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts :  
and I will declare thy greatness.  
They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness,  
and shall sing of thy righteousness.  
The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion ;  
slow to anger, and of great mercy.  
The Lord is good to all :  
and his tender mercies are over all his works.  
All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord ;  
and thy saints shall bless thee.  
They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom,  
and talk of thy power ;  
to make known to the sons of men his mighty acts,  
and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.  
Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.  
The Lord upholdeth all that fall,  
and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.  
The eyes of all wait upon thee ;  
and thou givest them their meat in due season.  
Thou openest thine hand,  
and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.  
The Lord is righteous in all his ways,  
and holy in all his works.  
The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him,  
to all that call upon him in truth.  
He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him :  
he also will hear their cry, and will save them.  
The Lord preserveth all them that love him :  
but all the wicked will he destroy.  
My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord :  
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

**146.** Praise ye the Lord.

Praise the Lord, O my soul.  
 While I live will I praise the Lord :  
 I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.  
 Put not your trust in princes,  
   nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.  
 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth ;  
   in that very day his thoughts perish.  
 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help,  
   whose hope is in the Lord his God :  
 which made heaven and earth,  
   the sea and all that therein is :  
 which keepeth truth for ever :  
   which executeth judgment for the oppressed :  
   which giveth food to the hungry.  
 The Lord looseth the prisoners :  
   the Lord openeth the eyes of the blind :  
 the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down :  
   the Lord loveth the righteous :  
 the Lord preserveth the strangers ;  
   he relieveth the fatherless and widow :  
   but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.  
 The Lord shall reign for ever,  
   even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.  
 Praise ye the Lord.

**147.** Praise ye the Lord :

for it is good to sing praises unto our God ;  
 for it is pleasant ;  
   and praise is comely.  
 The Lord doth build up Jerusalem :  
   he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.  
 He healeth the broken in heart,  
   and bindeth up their wounds.  
 He telleth the number of the stars ;  
   he calleth them all by their names.  
 Great is our Lord, and of great power :  
   his understanding is infinite.  
 The Lord lifteth up the meek :  
   he casteth the wicked down to the ground.  
 Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving ;  
   sing praise upon the harp unto our God :

who covereth the heaven with clouds,  
who prepareth rain for the earth,  
who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.  
He giveth to the beast his food,  
and to the young ravens which cry.  
He delighteth not in the strength of the horse :  
he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.  
The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him,  
in those that hope in his mercy.  
Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem ;  
praise thy God, O Zion.  
For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates ;  
he hath blessed thy children within thee.  
He maketh peace in thy borders,  
and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.  
He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth :  
his word runneth very swiftly.  
He giveth snow like wool :  
he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.  
He casteth forth his ice like morsels :  
who can stand before his cold ?  
He sendeth out his word, and melteth them :  
he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.  
He sheweth his word unto Jacob,  
his statutes and judgments unto Israel.  
He hath not dealt so with any nation :  
and as for his judgments, they have not known them.  
Praise ye the Lord.

**148.** Praise ye the Lord.

Praise ye the Lord from the heavens :  
praise him in the heights.  
Praise ye him, all his angels :  
praise ye him, all his hosts.  
Praise ye him, sun and moon :  
praise him, all ye stars of light.  
Praise him, ye heavens of heavens,  
and ye waters that be above the heavens.  
Let them praise the name of the Lord :  
for he commanded, and they were created.  
He hath also stablished them for ever and ever :  
he hath made a decree which shall not pass.

Praise the Lord from the earth,  
     ye dragons and all deeps :  
 fire and hail ;  
     snow and vapours ;  
     stormy wind fulfilling his word :  
 mountains and all hills ;  
     fruitful trees and all cedars :  
 beasts and all cattle ;  
     creeping things, and flying fowl :  
 kings of the earth, and all people ;  
     princes, and all judges of the earth :  
 both young men and maidens ;  
     old men and children :  
 let them praise the name of the Lord :  
     for his name alone is excellent ;  
     his glory is above the earth and heaven.  
 He also exalteth the horn of his people,  
     the praise of all his saints ;  
 even of the children of Israel,  
     a people near unto him.  
 Praise ye the Lord.

**149.** Praise ye the Lord.

Sing unto the Lord a new song,  
     and his praise in the congregation of the saints.  
 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him :  
     let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.  
 Let them praise his name in the dance :  
     let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.  
 For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people :  
     he will beautify the meek with salvation.  
 Let the saints be joyful in glory :  
     let them sing aloud upon their beds.  
 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth,  
     and a two-edged sword in their hand ;  
 to execute vengeance upon the heathen,  
     and punishments upon the people ;  
 to bind their kings with chains,  
     and their nobles with fetters of iron ;  
 to execute upon them the judgment written :  
     this honour have all his saints.  
 Praise ye the Lord.

**150.** Praise ye the Lord.

Praise God in his sanctuary :

    praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts :

    praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet :

    praise him with the psaltery and harp.

Praise him with the timbrel and dance :

    praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

Praise him upon the loud cymbals :

    praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

    Praise ye the Lord.

## THE PROMISES OF GOD TO MAN

As the rain cometh down, and the snow, from heaven,  
and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth,  
and maketh it bring forth and bud,  
that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater ;  
so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth :  
it shall not return to me void ;  
but it shall accomplish that which I please,  
and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

I will work, and who shall let it ?

Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass ;  
and as I have purposed, so shall it stand.

For the Lord of hosts hath purposed,  
and who shall disannul it ?

And his hand is stretched out,  
and who shall turn it back ?

I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass.

I the Lord have spoken it, and I will do it.

I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass ;  
I have purposed it, I will also do it.

The word which I have spoken shall be done.

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The vision is yet for an appointed time,  
but at the end it shall speak, and not lie :  
though it tarry, wait for it ;  
because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man  
can shut it : for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my  
word, and hast not denied my name.

Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also  
will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come  
upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

What I do thou knowest not now ; but thou shalt know hereafter.

Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now ; but thou shalt follow me afterwards.

He that endureth to the end shall be saved.

Go thou thy way till the end be ; for thou shalt rest and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

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My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

Certainly I will be with thee.

Behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land ; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

Behold, the former things are come to pass,

and new things do I declare :

before they spring forth

I tell you of them.

I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not ;

I will lead them in paths that they have not known :

I will make darkness light before them.

and crooked things straight.

These things will I do unto them,

and not forsake them.

I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble.

I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight : I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron.

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Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,

and he will dwell with them,

and they shall be his people,

and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes ;  
 and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor  
 crying,  
 neither shall there be any more pain :  
 for the former things are passed away.

A vineyard of red wine. I the Lord do keep it ; I will  
 water it every moment : lest any hurt it, I will keep it night  
 and day.

The eternal God is thy refuge,  
 and underneath are the everlasting arms.

The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him ;  
 and the Lord shall cover him all the day long.

I will be thy king : where is any other that may save thee  
 in all thy cities ?

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While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and  
 cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night  
 shall not cease.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
 and look upon the earth beneath :  
 for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke,  
 and the earth shall wax old like a garment,  
 and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner :  
 but my salvation shall be for ever,  
 and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not  
 pass away.

As thy days, so shall thy strength be.

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Seek ye me, and ye shall live :  
 seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion,  
 and turneth the shadow of death into the morning,  
 and maketh the day dark with night :  
 that calleth for the waters of the sea,  
 and poureth them out upon the face of the earth.  
 Seek good and not evil, that ye may live :  
 and so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you.



Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive ;  
and let thy widows trust in me.

They shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord,  
and whose hope the Lord is :  
for he shall be as a tree planted by the waters,  
and that spreadeth out her roots by the river,  
and shall not see when heat cometh,  
but her leaf shall be green ;  
and shall not be careful in the year of drought,  
neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

The just shall live by his faith.

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Ask, and it shall be given you ;  
seek, and ye shall find ;  
knock, and it shall be opened unto you :  
for everyone that asketh receiveth ;  
and he that seeketh findeth ;  
and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

They shall call on my name, and I will hear them ; I will  
say, It is my people ; and they shall say, The Lord is my God.

Call to me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and  
mighty things, which thou knowest not.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the  
Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an ex-  
pected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and  
pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall  
seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all  
your heart.

And it shall come to pass that before they call, I will  
answer ; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

Is not this the fast that I have chosen ?  
To loose the bands of wickedness,  
to undo the heavy burdens,  
and to let the oppressed go free,  
and that ye break every yoke ?

Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry,  
 and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house ?  
 When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him ;  
 and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh ?  
 Then shall thy light break forth as the morning,  
 and thine health shall spring forth speedily :  
 and thy righteousness shall go before thee ;  
 the glory of the Lord shall be thy rereward.  
 Then shalt thou call,  
 and the Lord shall answer ;  
 thou shalt cry,  
 and he shall say, Here I am.

I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place. For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever : and mine eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually.

Ask what I shall give thee.

Whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance.

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If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed ; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine.

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Whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke,  
 the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity ;  
 and if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry,  
 and satisfy the afflicted soul ;  
 then shall thy light rise in obscurity,  
 and thy darkness be as the noon day :  
 and the Lord shall guide thee continually,  
 and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones :

and thou shalt be like a watered garden,  
and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

Gather the people together, and I will give them water.

There shall be showers of blessing.

Remember ye not the former things,  
neither consider the things of old.

Behold, I will do a new thing ;

now it shall spring forth ; shall ye not know it ?

I will even make a way in the wilderness,  
and rivers in the desert.

Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst ; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water, springing up into everlasting life.

If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink.

I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground.

Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters,  
and he that hath no money ;

come ye, buy and eat ;

yea, come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread ?

and your labour for that which satisfieth not ?

hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good,

and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

Incline your ear, and come unto me :

hear, and your soul shall live.

And let him that is athirst come :

and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none,  
and their tongue faileth for thirst,

I the Lord will hear them,

I the God of Israel will not forsake them.

I will open rivers in high places,

and fountains in the midst of the valleys :

I will make the wilderness a pool of water,

and the dry land springs of water.

He that believeth on me shall never thirst.

He that cometh to me shall never hunger.

I am the living bread which came down from heaven : if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever : and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more ;  
neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.  
For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them,  
and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters :  
and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

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He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,  
and gross darkness the people :  
but the Lord shall arise upon thee,  
and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

Thine eyes shall see the King in his beauty ;  
they shall behold the land that is very far off.

Every valley shall be exalted,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low ;  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough places plain :  
and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together.

Unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings.

He that overcometh and keepeth my works unto the end, I will give him the morning star.

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I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion ;  
shout, O daughter of Jerusalem :  
behold, thy King cometh unto thee :  
he is just, and having salvation ;

lastly, and riding upon an ass,  
 and upon a colt, the foal of an ass.  
 And he shall speak peace to the heathen :  
 and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea,  
 and from the river even to the ends of the earth.

And they shall come from the east and from the west and  
 from the north and from the south, and shall sit down in the  
 Kingdom of God. And behold there are last which shall be  
 first, and there are first which shall be last.

The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of  
 the Lord,  
 as the waters cover the sea.

As truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the  
 glory of the Lord.

Behold my servant, whom I uphold ;  
 mine elect in whom my soul delighteth ;  
 I have put my spirit upon him :  
 he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

He shall not cry, nor lift up,  
 nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

A bruised reed shall he not break,  
 and the smoking flax shall he not quench :  
 he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

He shall not fail nor be discouraged,  
 till he have set judgment in the earth :  
 and the isles shall wait for his law.

Thus saith God the Lord,  
 he that created the heavens and stretched them out ;  
 he that spread forth the earth and that which cometh out of it ;  
 he that giveth breath to the people upon it,  
 and spirit to them that walk therein :  
 I the Lord have called thee in righteousness,  
 and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee.  
 and give thee for a covenant of the people,  
 for a light of the Gentiles ;  
 to open the blind eyes,  
 to bring out the prisoners from the prison,  
 and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

Peace, peace, to him that is far off, and to him that is near,  
 saith the Lord ; and I will heal him,

It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise  
 up the tribes of Jacob,  
 and to restore the preserved of Israel :  
 I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles,  
 that thou mayst be my salvation unto the end of the earth.  
 Thus saith the Lord,  
 In an acceptable time have I heard thee,  
 and in a day of salvation have I helped thee :  
 that thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth ;  
 to them that are in darkness, Show yourselves.  
 They shall feed in the ways,  
 and their pastures shall be in all high places.  
 They shall not hunger nor thirst ;  
 neither shall the heat nor sun smite them :  
 for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them,  
 even by springs of water shall he guide them.  
 Behold, these shall come from far :  
 and, lo, these from the north and from the west.

From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of  
 the same, my name shall be great among the Gentiles ; and  
 in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a  
 pure offering : for my name shall be great among the heathen.

Mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people.

Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried  
 stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation : he that  
 believeth shall not make haste.

I will make the place of my feet glorious.

Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens  
 and the earth and the sea and the dry land ; and I will shake  
 all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come ; and I  
 will fill this house with glory. The glory of this latter house  
 shall be greater than the former, and in this place will I give  
 peace.

Nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee, because of  
 the Lord thy God.

The Gentiles shall come to thy light,  
 and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

The Lord God, which gathereth the outcasts of Israel, saith, 'Yet will I gather others to him, beside those which are gathered unto him.'

Behold I give unto him my covenant of peace: and he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel.

The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, 'Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord and to seek the Lord of hosts; I will go also.' Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord.

Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Obeys my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.

Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

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Who hath made man's mouth? Or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? Have not I the Lord? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.

This people have I formed for myself ;  
they shall show forth my praise.

When they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak ; for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost ; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you : and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

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To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy : I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

He that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

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Sing ye and rejoice, O daughter of Zion :

for lo I come and I will dwell in the midst of thee.

For I, saith the Lord, will be unto her a wall of fire round about,

and will be the glory in the midst of her.

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He that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself unto him.

I will make all my goodness pass before thee,  
and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee ;  
and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious,  
and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

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Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's. Fear not, nor be dismayed; to-morrow go out against them; for the Lord will be with you.

Fear thou not; for I am with thee:

be not dismayed; for I am thy God:

I will strengthen thee; yea, I will keep thee;

yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will keep thee.

Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Thus saith the Lord the king of Israel,  
and his redeemer the Lord of hosts;

I am the first, and I am the last;  
and beside me there is no God,

Fear ye not, neither be afraid:

have I not told thee from that time, and have declared it?  
Ye are even my witnesses.

Is there a God beside me?

yea, there is no God; I know not any.

Fear not, for I am with thee and will bless thee.

Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed. And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh;

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
 your old men shall dream dreams,  
 your young men shall see visions :  
 and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids  
 in those days will I pour out my Spirit.  
 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call upon the  
 name of the Lord shall be delivered.

Thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob,  
 and he that formed thee, O Israel,  
 Fear not : for I have redeemed thee,  
 I have called thee by thy name ; thou art mine.  
 When thou passest through the waters,  
 I will be with thee ;  
 and through the rivers,  
 they shall not overflow thee :  
 when thou walkest through the fire,  
 thou shalt not be burned ;  
 neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.  
 For I am the Lord thy God,  
 the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour.

Fear not : for I am with thee :  
 I will bring thy seed from the east,  
 and gather thee from the west ;  
 I will say to the north, Give up ;  
 and to the south, Keep not back :  
 bring my sons from far,  
 and my daughters from the ends of the earth ;  
 even every one that is called by my name :  
 for I have created him for my glory,  
 I have formed him ;  
 yea, I have made him.

Be strong, fear not :  
 behold your God will come and save you.  
 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
 and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped :  
 then shall the lame man leap as an hart,  
 and the tongue of the dumb sing :  
 for in the wilderness shall waters break out,  
 and streams in the desert.

Fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the Lord ; neither be dismayed, O Israel : for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to save thee. Thy bruise is incurable, and thy wound is grievous. Why criest thou for thine affliction ? thy sorrow is incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity : because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee. For I will restore health to thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds.

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As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, ' Destroy it not ; for a blessing is in it ' : so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all.

I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee in measure ; yet will I not leave thee wholly unpunished.

I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord.

From this day will I bless you.

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They shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee ; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee.

I will deliver them from out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem them from the hand of the terrible.

I know their sorrows ; and I am come down to deliver them.

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I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found,  
 call ye upon him while he is near :  
 let the wicked forsake his way,  
 and the unrighteous man his thoughts :  
 and let him return unto the Lord,  
 and he will have mercy upon him ;  
 and to our God,  
 for he will abundantly pardon.  
 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
 neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
 so are my ways higher than your ways,  
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord :  
 though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow ;  
 though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.  
 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her,  
 that her warfare is accomplished,  
 that her iniquity is pardoned :  
 for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her  
 sins.

I am the Lord that healeth thee.

Return unto me, and I will return unto you.

Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord ;  
 and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you :  
 for I am merciful, saith the Lord,  
 and I will not keep anger for ever.

Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your  
 backslidings,

I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy ;  
 and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art  
 my people ; and they shall say, Thou art my God.

I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely : for  
 mine anger is turned away from him. I will be as the dew  
 unto Israel : he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots  
 as Lebanon.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble  
 themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their  
 wicked ways ; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive  
 their sin, and will heal their land.

Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me  
 with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and  
 with mourning : and rend your heart, and not your garments,  
 and turn unto the Lord your God : for he is gracious and  
 merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.

I will bring you into the wilderness of the people,  
 and there will I plead with you face to face.  
 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the  
 land of Egypt,  
 so will I plead with you, saith the Lord God.  
 And I will cause you to pass under the rod,  
 and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant.  
 and ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have wrought  
 with you for my name's sake, not according to your wicked  
 ways, nor according to your corrupt doings.

I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in  
 my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.  
 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers;  
 and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. Then  
 shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that  
 were not good, and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight  
 for your iniquities and for your abominations.

I will not contend for ever, neither will I always be wroth:  
 for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have  
 made. For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and  
 smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on fro-  
 wardly in the way of his heart. I have seen his ways and will  
 heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comfort unto him  
 and to his mourners.

My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also  
 is flesh.

I will be his father, and he shall be my son.  
 If he commit iniquity,  
 I will chasten him with the rod of men,  
 and with the stripes of the children of men:  
 but my mercy shall not depart away from him.

I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears; behold, I  
 will heal thee.

They have humbled themselves, therefore I will not destroy  
 them, but I will grant them some deliverance.

Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled  
 thyself before the Lord and wept before me, I also have  
 heard thee.

And I will establish my covenant with thee, and thou shalt know that I am the Lord : that thou mayest remember, and be confounded, and never open thy mouth any more because of thy shame, when I am pacified toward thee for all that thou hast done.

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah : not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt ; which my covenant they broke, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord : but this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel ; after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts ; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord : for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord : for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth. And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me ; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me.

I have mercy upon them :  
and they shall be as though I had not cast them off :  
for I am the Lord their God, and will hear them.  
Yea, their children shall see it and be glad ;  
their heart shall rejoice in the Lord.

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Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.

Behold I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered ; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. I will

feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God.

I will seek that which was lost,  
 and bring again that which was driven away,  
 and will bind up that which was broken,  
 and will strengthen that which was sick.  
 And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture are men,  
 and I am your God, saith the Lord God.

I will set mine eyes upon them for good,  
 and I will bring them again to this land :  
 and I will build them, and not pull them down ;  
 and I will plant them, and not pluck them up.  
 And I will give them a heart to know me,  
 that I am the Lord :  
 and they shall be my people,  
 and I will be their God :  
 for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.

They shall be my people, and I will be their God : and I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them and of their children after them : and I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good ; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me. Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul. For thus saith the Lord ; like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.

I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit in you ; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh : that they may walk in my statutes and keep my ordinances, and do them : and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

Whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Turn ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you.

They shall be mine, in that day when I make up my

jewels ; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

Is Ephraim my dear son ? is he a pleasant child ? for since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still ; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the Lord. And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them to pluck up and to break down and to throw down and to destroy and to afflict ; so will I watch over them to build and to plant, saith the Lord.

I will betroth thee unto me in faithfulness :  
and thou shalt know the Lord.

Ye have seen how I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if you will obey my voice indeed and keep my covenant, then shall ye be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people : for the earth is mine : and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God.

In the place where it was said to them, "Ye are not my people," there it shall be said to them, "Ye are the sons of the living God."

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Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.

Thus saith the Lord God, the Holy one of Israel ;  
in returning and rest shall ye be saved,  
in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me ;  
for I am meek and lowly in heart :

and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy,  
and my burden is light.



Whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet restingplaces.

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I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.  
 For a small moment have I forsaken thee;  
     but with great mercies will I gather thee.  
 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment;  
     but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee,  
 saith the Lord thy Redeemer.  
 For the mountains shall depart  
     and the hills be removed;  
 but my kindness shall not depart from thee,  
     neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed,  
 saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you.  
 Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more.

Although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come.

I will allure her and bring her into the wilderness and speak comfortably unto her; and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth.

O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted,  
     behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours,  
     and lay thy foundations with sapphires.  
 and I will make thy windows of agates,  
     and thy gates of carbuncles,  
     and all thy borders of pleasant stones.

And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord ;  
and great shall be the peace of thy children.

In righteousness shalt thou be established :  
thou shalt be far from oppression ; for thou shalt not fear :  
and from terror, for it shall not come near thee.

No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper ;  
and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment  
thou shalt condemn.

This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord :  
and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.

I will not leave you comfortless : I will come unto you.

Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you.

I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth.

The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth.

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Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

Well done, thou good and faithful servant : thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things : enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me ; that ye may eat and drink at my

table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Peace be unto thee ; fear not : thou shalt not die.

I will ransom them from the power of the grave ;  
I will redeem them from death.

O my people, I will open your graves,  
and cause you to come up out of your graves.

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall  
awake,  
some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting  
contempt.

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the  
firmament ;

and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for  
ever and ever.

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the  
kingdom of their Father.

Fear none of these things which thou shalt suffer : be thou  
faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

If any man serve me, let him follow me ; and where I am,  
there shall also my servant be : if any man serve me, him will  
my Father honour.

He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent  
me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemna-  
tion ; but is passed from death into life.

The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear  
the voice of the Son of God ; and they that hear shall live.

And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all  
which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should  
raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him  
that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and  
believeth on him, may have everlasting life : and I will  
raise him up at the last day.

Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life ; and I will raise him up at the last day.

If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

I give unto them eternal life ; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

Thy brother shall rise again.

There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

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To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God ; and he shall go no more out.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things ; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment ; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

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## THE BEATITUDES

Blessed are they that keep my ways.

Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates.

Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters.

Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is: for he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they that which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven.

Blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in me.

Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see: for I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

Blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.

Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation : for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

## COMMANDS OF GOD

HE hath showed thee, O man, what is good ; and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God ?

Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God.

In Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision ; but faith which worketh by love.

All the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

The end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart and of a good conscience and of faith unfeigned.

This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments : and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world : and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

It shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the Lord our God, as he hath commanded us.

The secret things belong unto the Lord our God : but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

This is the thing which the Lord commanded that ye should do : and the glory of the Lord shall appear unto you.

Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.

Fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and truth : and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood.

Be ye mindful always of his covenant, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

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Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the Lord thy God hath given unto thee and unto thine house.

Seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not.

I am the Almighty God: walk before me, and be thou perfect.

Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God.

Ye shall be holy; for I am holy.

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

In all things that I have said unto you, be circumspect.

What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

Be strong, all ye people of the land, and work: for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts: according to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you; fear ye not.

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Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee.



Thou shalt speak all that I command thee.

Thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.

Arise and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them.

Come ye to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee a law and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

Gather the people together, men and women and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law; and that their children, which have not known any thing, may hear, and learn to fear the Lord your God.

And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Ye shall not add unto the word that I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God.

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Consider your ways.

Ye shall do my judgments, and keep my ordinances, to walk therein: I am the Lord your God. Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the Lord.

That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live.

Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the Lord thy God chasteneth thee. Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways and to fear him.

Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God ; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name. He is thy praise, and he is thy God that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen.

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These are the things that ye shall do, speak every man the truth to his neighbour ; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates : and let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour : and love no false oath : for all those are things that I hate, saith the Lord.

Wash you ; make you clean ;  
 put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes ;  
 cease to do evil ; learn to do well ;  
 seek judgment, relieve the oppressed ;  
 judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

He that ruleth over men must be just,  
 ruling in the fear of God.  
 And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun  
 riseth,  
 even a morning without clouds ;  
 as the tender grass springing out of the earth  
 by clear shining after rain.

Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country.

If a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him. But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself ; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him.

Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumblingblock before the blind, but shalt fear thy God : I am the Lord.

Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment : thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of

the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.

Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment: neither shalt thou countenance a poor man in his cause.

Thou shalt not raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people.

Thou shalt not wrest the judgment of thy poor in his cause. Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked.

And thou shalt take no gift:  
for the gift blindeth the wise,  
and perverteth the words of the righteous.

Ye shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child. If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry.

Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart:  
thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.

Thou shalt not avenge nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord.

Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying,  
Execute true judgment, and show mercy and compassions every man to his brother: and oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of an old man, and fear thy God: I am the Lord.

Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people.

Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure. Just balances, just weights, shall ye have.

If ye offer a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the Lord, ye shall offer it at your own will.

Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary : I am the Lord.

If thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee, then thou shalt relieve him.

If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates, in thy land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother ; but thou shalt open thine hand wide to him and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth.

For the poor shall never cease out of the land : therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee.

Ye stand this day all of you before the Lord your God, that thou shouldest enter into covenant with the Lord thy God, and into his oath, which the Lord thy God maketh with thee this day : that he may establish thee to-day for a people unto himself, and that he may be unto thee a God, as he hath said unto thee, and as he hath sworn unto thy fathers.

And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, to keep the commandments of the Lord and his statutes ?

COMMANDS OF THE LORD JESUS.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Let the dead bury their dead ; but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves : be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

Peace be unto you : as my Father sent me, even so send I you.

What I tell you in darkness,

that speak ye in light :

and what ye hear in the ear,

that preach ye upon the housetops.

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Take heed how ye hear : for whosoever hath, to him shall be given ; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

Take heed what ye hear : with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you, and unto you that hear shall more be given.

Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

Seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink,  
neither be ye of doubtful mind.

For all these things do the nation of the world seek after ;

and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

But rather seek ye the kingdom of God ;

and all these things shall be added unto you.

Take no thought for the morrow :

for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself.

Take heed and beware of covetousness :

for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you ; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

I say unto you, that ye resist not evil.

In the world ye shall have tribulation :

but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

When these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads ; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Rejoice not that the spirits are subject unto you :

but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

If thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out and cast it from thee : for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee :

for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

I say unto you, Swear not at all :

neither by heaven ; for it is God's throne ;

neither by the earth ; for it is his footstool :

neither by Jerusalem ; for it is the city of the great King.

Neither shalt thou swear by thy head,

because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

But let your communication be, Yea, yea ; Nay, nay :

for whatsoever is more than these, cometh of evil.

Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them. But when thou doest thine alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth : that thine alms may be in secret : and thy Father, which seeth in secret, himself shall reward thee openly.

When ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face ; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret ; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

Whosoever is angry with his brother without cause, shall be in danger of the judgment. Therefore, if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way ; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him ; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in one day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent ; thou shalt forgive him.

When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

Give not that which is holy unto the dogs,  
neither cast ye your pearls before swine,  
lest they trample them under their feet,  
and turn again and rend you.

Judge not, and ye shall not be judged :  
condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned :  
forgive, and ye shall be forgiven :  
give, and it shall be given unto you,  
good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and  
running over, shall men give into your bosom.  
For with the same measure that ye mete withal,  
it shall be measured to you again.

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

The kingdom of God is at hand : repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Be not faithless, but believing.

Have faith in God.

Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you. This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

Be not afraid, only believe.

Daughter be of good comfort : thy faith hath made thee whole : go in peace.

Go thy way ; thy faith hath made thee whole.

Son, be of good cheer ; thy sins be forgiven thee.

Behold, thou art made whole : sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

Strive to enter in at the strait gate : for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you : for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of the light.

If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven ; and come and follow me.

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.

Be ye also ready : for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh.

Take heed that no man deceive you.

Watch, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

And what I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch.

What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not ; for of such is the kingdom of God.

Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

Render unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's, and unto God the things that are God's.

Love your enemies,

do good to them which hate you,

bless them that curse you,

and pray for them which despitefully use you.

And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other ;

and him that taketh away thy cloke, forbid not to take thy coat also.

Give to every man that asketh of thee ;

and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again.



And as ye would that men should do to you,  
do ye also to them likewise.  
Love ye your enemies, and do good,  
and lend, hoping for nothing again ;  
and your reward shall be great,  
and ye shall be the children of the Highest :  
for he is kind unto the unthankful, and to the evil.  
Be ye therefore merciful,  
as your Father also is merciful.

A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another ; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you.

These things I command you, that ye love one another.

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you : continue ye in my love.

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### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth : thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them : for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me ; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain ; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour ; and do all thy work : but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God : in it thou shalt not do any work, thou nor thy son nor thy daughter, thy manservant nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates : for in six days the Lord made heaven and

earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

[From "*The A.B.C. or A Catechism for Young Children: appointed by Act of the Church and Council of Scotland*," 1641.]

Have thou no other gods but Me,  
Unto no image bow thy knee,  
Take not the name of God in vain,  
Do not the sabbath day profane,  
Honour thy father and mother too,  
And see that thou no murder do,  
From whoredom keep thee pure and clean,  
And steal not, though thy state be mean.  
See that thou no false witness bear,  
And covet not thy neighbour's gear.

O Lord, our souls to Thee convert,  
And write Thy laws into our heart.

[From "*The Larger Catechism*."] ]

What are the sins forbidden in the first commandment?

The sins forbidden in the first commandment are: atheism, in denying or not having a God, idolatry, in having or worshipping more gods than one, or any with or instead of the true God; the not having or avouching him for God, and our God; the omission or neglect of anything due to him, required in this commandment; ignorance, forgetfulness, misapprehensions, false opinions, unworthy and wicked thoughts of him, bold and curious searching into his secrets, all profaneness, hatred of God, self-love, self-seeking, and all other

inordinate and immoderate setting of our mind, will, or affections upon other things, and taking them off from him in whole or in part, vain credulity, unbelief, heresy, misbelief, distrust, despair, incorrigibleness, and insensibleness under judgments, hardness of heart, pride, presumption, carnal security, tempting of God, using unlawful means and trusting in unlawful means, carnal delights and joys, corrupt, blind, and indiscreet zeal, lukewarmness and deadness in the things of God, estranging ourselves and apostatizing from God, praying or giving any religious worship to saints, angels, or any other creatures, all compacts and consulting with the devil, and hearkening to his suggestions, making men the lords of our faith and conscience, slighting and despising God and his commands, resisting and grieving of his Spirit, discontent and impatience at his dispensations, charging him foolishly for the evils he inflicts on us, and ascribing the praise of any good we either are, have, or can do, to fortune, idols, ourselves, or any other creature.

What are the duties required in the second commandment?

The duties required in the second commandment are: the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath instituted in his word, particularly prayer and thanksgiving in the name of Christ, the reading, preaching, and hearing of the word, the administration and receiving of the sacraments, church government and discipline, the ministry and maintenance thereof, religious fasting, swearing by the name of God and vowing unto him, as also the disapproving, detesting, opposing all false worship.

What are the sins forbidden in the third commandment?

The sins forbidden in the third commandment are: the not using of God's name as is required, and the abuse of it in an ignorant, vain, irreverent, profane, superstitious, or wicked mentioning or otherwise using his titles, attributes, ordinances, or works, by blasphemy, perjury; all sinful cursings, oaths, vows, and lots, violating of our oaths and vows if lawful, and fulfilling them if of things unlawful, murmuring and quarrelling at, curious prying into, and misapplying of, God's decrees and providences, misinterpreting, misapplying, or any way perverting the word or any part of it to profane jests, curious or unprofitable questions, vain janglings, or the

maintaining of false doctrine, abusing it, the creatures, or anything contained under the name of God, to charms or sinful lusts and practices, the maligning, scorning, reviling, or any wise opposing of God's truth, grace and ways, making profession of religion in hypocrisy or for sinister ends, being ashamed of it or a shame to it by unconformable, unwise, unfruitful and offensive walking or backsliding from it.

Why is the word Remember set in the beginning of the fourth commandment?

The word Remember is set in the beginning of the fourth commandment, partly because of the great benefit of remembering it, we being thereby helped in our preparation to keep it, and, in keeping it, better to keep all the rest of the commandments and to continue a thankful remembrance of the two great benefits of creation and redemption, which contain a short abridgment of religion, and partly because we are very ready to forget it, for that there is less light of nature for it, and yet it restraineth our natural liberty in things at other times lawful, that it cometh but once in seven days, and many worldly businesses come between and too often take off our minds from thinking of it, either to prepare for it or to sanctify it, and that Satan with his instruments much labour to blot out the glory and even the memory of it, to bring in all irreligion and impiety.

Who are meant by father and mother in the fifth commandment?

By father and mother in the fifth commandment are meant not only natural parents but all superiors in age and gifts, and especially such as, by God's ordinance, are over us in place of authority, whether in family, church, or commonwealth.

What are the sins of superiors?

The sins of superiors are, besides the neglect of the duties required of them, an inordinate seeking of themselves, their own glory, ease, profit, or pleasure, commanding things unlawful or not in the power of inferiors to perform, counselling, encouraging, or favouring them in that which is evil, dissuading, discouraging, or discountenancing them in that which is good, correcting them unduly, careless exposing or leaving them to wrong, temptation, and danger, provoking them to wrath, or any way dishonouring themselves or lessening

their authority by an unjust, indiscreet, rigorous, or remiss behaviour.

What are the duties required in the sixth commandment?

The duties required in the sixth commandment are : all careful studies and lawful endeavours to preserve the life of ourselves and others by resisting all thoughts and purposes, subduing all passions, and avoiding all occasions, temptations, and practices, which tend to the unjust taking away the life of any, by just defence thereof against violence, patient bearing of the hand of God, quietness of mind, cheerfulness of spirit, a sober use of meat, drink, physick, sleep, labour, and recreations,\*by charitable thoughts, love, compassion, meekness, gentleness, kindness, peaceable, mild and courteous speeches and behaviour, forbearance, readiness to be reconciled, patient bearing and forgiving of injuries, and requiting good for evil, comforting and succouring the distressed, and protecting and defending the innocent.

What are the sins forbidden in the seventh commandment?

The sins forbidden in the seventh commandment are : all unclean imaginations, thoughts, purposes, and affections, all corrupt or filthy communications or listening thereunto, wanton looks, impudent or light behaviour, immodest apparel, prohibiting of lawful and dispensing with unlawful marriages, entangling vows of single life, undue delay of marriage, having more wives or husbands than one at the same time, unjust divorce or desertion, idleness, gluttony, drunkenness, unchaste company, lascivious songs, books, pictures, dancings, stage plays, and all other provocations to or acts of uncleanness either in ourselves or others.

What are the sins forbidden in the eighth commandment?

The sins forbidden in the eighth commandment are : theft, robbery, man-stealing and receiving anything that is stolen, fraudulent dealing, false weights and measures, removing landmarks, injustice and unfaithfulness in contracts between man and man or in matters of trust ; oppression, extortion, usury, bribery, vexatious lawsuits, unjust inclosures and depopulations, ingrossing commodities to enhance the price, unlawful callings, and all other unjust or sinful ways of taking or withholding from our neighbour what belongs to him, or of enriching ourselves ; envying at the prosperity of others, as

likewise idleness, prodigality, wasteful gaming, and all other ways whereby we do unduly prejudice our own outward estate, and defrauding ourselves of the due use and comfort of that estate which God hath given us.

What are the sins forbidden in the ninth commandment ?

The sins forbidden in the ninth commandment are : all prejudicing the truth and the good name of our neighbours as well as our own, especially in public judicature, giving false evidence, suborning false witnesses, wittingly appearing and pleading for an evil cause, outfacing and overbearing the truth, passing unjust sentence, calling evil good and good evil, forgery, concealing the truth, undue silence in a just cause and holding our peace when iniquity calleth for either a reproof from ourselves or complaint to others, speaking the truth unseasonably or maliciously to a wrong end, or perverting it to a wrong meaning, or in doubtful or equivocal expressions, to the prejudice of truth or justice, speaking untruth, lying, slandering, backbiting, detracting, tale-bearing, whispering, scoffing, reviling, rash, hard, and partial censuring, misconstructing intentions, words, and actions, flattering, vainglorious boasting, thinking or speaking too highly or too meanly of ourselves or others, denying the gifts and graces of God, aggravating smaller faults, hiding, excusing, or extenuating of sins, when called to a free confession, unnecessary discovering of infirmities, raising false rumours, receiving and countenancing evil reports, and stopping our ears against just defence ; evil suspicion, envying or grieving at the deserved credit of any, endeavouring or desiring to impair it, rejoicing in their disgrace and infamy, scornful contempt, fond admiration, breach of lawful promises, neglecting of such things as are of good report, and practising or not avoiding ourselves or not hindering what we can in others such things as procure an ill name.

What are the duties required in the tenth commandment ?

The duties required in the tenth commandment are : such a full contentment with our own conditions and such a charitable frame of the whole soul toward our neighbour as that all our inward motions and affections touching him tend unto and further all that good which is his.



[From Knox's "*Treatise on Fasting*," issued by the General Assembly, December 25th 1565.]

It is not the simple knowledge of the truth only, nor yet the external profession of the same, that is acceptable before God. Nay, nay, dear brethren, He requireth the fruits of repentance—and they are, to decline from evil and to do good, as we may read in many places of the Scripture. Think we it a thing agreeable with the nature of the Eternal God, that He shall receive us in favour after that we have offended, and we will not for His sake remit the injuries that are done to us? Can we think to be at peace with Him, when that we stubbornly will continue to be in strife among ourselves? Shall He relieve our grief, bondage, or yoke, and we not relieve the burdens that unjustly we lay upon our brethren?

It is not enough to justify us before God, that civil laws cannot accuse us. Nay, brethren, the eyes of our God pierce deeper than the law of men can reach. The law of man cannot convince the Earl, the Lord, the Baron, or gentleman, for the oppression of the poor labourers of the ground, for his defence is ready: "I may do with mine own as best pleaseth me." The Merchant is just enough in his own conceit, if before men he cannot be convicted of theft and deceit. The Artificer or Craftsman thinketh himself free before God, albeit that he neither work sufficient stuff, nor yet sell it for a reasonable price. "The world is evil," saith he, "and how can men live if they do not as others do?" And thus doth every man lean upon the iniquity of another, and thinketh himself sufficiently excused when that he meeteth craft with craft, and repulseth back violence either with deceit or else with open injury. Let be assured, dear brethren, that these be the sins which heretofore have provoked God not only to plague but also to destroy and utterly overthrow strong realms and flourishing commonwealths.

To prescribe to every man his duty in particular we cannot, because we know not wherein every man and every estate particularly offendeth; but we must remit every estate, and every man in his vocation, to the examination of his own conscience, that according as God commandeth in His holy law, and as Christ Jesus requireth, that such as shall possess the Kingdom with Him, shall do: which is, "whatsoever," saith He, "that ye would men should do unto you, do ye the like

unto them." By this rule, which the Author of all equity, justice, and policy hath established, if we appointed the Earls, Lords, Barons and gentlemen to try their own consciences, whether that they would be content that they should be intreated (if God had made them husbandmen and labourers of the ground) as they have intreated, and presently do intreat, such as sometimes had a moderate and reasonable life under their predecessors—if with this intreatment they would be content, we appeal to their own consciences. And if they think that they would not, then, in God's name, we require them to begin to reform themselves and to remember that it is not we, but that it is Christ Jesus, that so craveth of them. And unto the same rule we send Judges, Lawyers, Merchants, Artificers, and finally even the very labourers of the ground themselves, that every one in his own vocation may try how justly, uprightly, and mercifully he dealeth with his neighbour. And if he find his conscience accused by the former sentence of our Master, let him call for grace that he may not only repent for the time past but also amend in time to come, and so shall their fasting and prayers be acceptable unto God.

If men think that we require the thing that is impossible, we answer that we speak not to the godless multitude, neither to such as are mockers of God's judgments, but to such as have professed the Lord Jesus with us, who have communicated with us in His blessed sacraments, have renounced idolatry, and have avowed themselves to be new creatures in Jesus Christ in whom they are ingrafted as living branches, apt to bring forth good fruit. Now, why it should be thought impossible that these men (of what vocation soever they be) should begin to express in their lives that which in word they have publicly professed, we see no good reason, unless they would say that it is impossible that God shall now work in men of this age, as we read that He hath wrought in men before us (and that were blasphemy), seeing that the hand of our God is no more shortened towards us than it hath been toward those that have passed before us.



## REASSURANCES, REPROACHES, AND REPROOFS OF GOD

YEA, I have loved thee with an everlasting love :  
therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb ? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands ; thy walls are continually before me.

I, even I, am he that comforteth you : who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass ; and forgettest the Lord thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundation of the earth ?

Thus saith the Lord that created the heavens ;  
God himself that formed the earth and made it ;  
he hath established it, he created it not in vain,  
he formed it to be inhabited :

I am the Lord ;  
and there is none else.  
I have not spoken in secret,  
in a dark place of the earth :  
I said not unto the seed of Jacob,  
Seek ye me in vain :  
I the Lord speak righteousness,  
I declare things that are right.

Behold, I make all things new.

I form the light and create darkness ; I make peace and create evil. I the Lord do all these things.

Remember the former things of old : for I am God,

and there is none else : I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, "My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure."

I am the first, I also am the last. Mine hand hath also laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens : when I call unto them they stand up together.

Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

I am the light of the world.

I am the bread of life.

I am the resurrection and the life.

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

The kingdom of God is within you.

In your patience possess ye your souls.

Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope.

I, even I, am the Lord ; and beside me there is no saviour

O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself ; but in me is thine help.

I have heard thee in a time accepted,  
and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee :  
behold, now is the accepted time ;  
behold, now is the day of salvation.

I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them.

My grace is sufficient for thee :  
for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while.

I am the good shepherd :  
the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd,  
 and know my sheep, and am known of mine.  
 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father :  
 and I lay down my life for the sheep.

My sheep hear my voice,  
 and I know them, and they follow me.

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Thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance  
 in the sight of God.

From the first day that thou didst set thine heart to under-  
 stand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were  
 heard.

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The things which are impossible with men, are possible  
 with God.

With God all things are possible.

Is anything too hard for the Lord ?

I am the Lord, the God of all flesh : is there anything too  
 hard for me ?

Is the spirit of the Lord straitened ? do not my words do  
 good to him that walketh uprightly ?

Is the Lord's hand waxed short ? thou shalt see now  
 whether my word shall come to pass to thee, or not.

Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem ? or  
 have I no power to deliver ?

Thus saith the Lord, thy redeemer,  
 and he that formed thee from the womb,  
 I am the Lord that maketh all things ;  
 that stretcheth forth the heavens above :  
 that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself ;  
 that frustrateth the tokens of the liars,  
 and maketh diviners mad ,  
 that turneth wise men backward,  
 and maketh their knowledge foolish ;

that confirmeth the word of his servant,  
 and performeth the counsel of his messengers ;  
 that saith to the deep, " Be dry,  
 and I will dry up thy rivers."

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Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace : for I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee, to hurt thee : for I have much people in this city.

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Be of good cheer ; it is I ; be not afraid.

Take heed, and be quiet ; fear not, neither be faint-hearted.

Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul ;

but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing ?

and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father :

But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

Fear ye not therefore ; ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Fear not : I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness,

the people in whose heart is my law ;

fear ye not the reproach of men,

neither be ye afraid of their revilings.

O man greatly beloved, fear not ; peace be unto thee ; be strong, yea, be strong.

Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith ?

Why are ye so fearful ? how is it that ye have no faith ?

Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God ?

Let not your heart be troubled : ye believe in God, believe

also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, "show us the Father?" Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

As thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee.

O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt.

According to your faith, be it unto you.

Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace and be whole of thy plague.

O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat;  
neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

The life is more than meat,  
and the body is more than raiment.

Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap;  
which neither have storehouse nor barn;  
and God feedeth them:

how much more are ye better than the fowls?

And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature  
one cubit?

If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why  
take ye thought for the rest?

Consider the lilies, how they grow;  
they toil not; they spin not:

and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was  
not arrayed like one of these.

If then God so clothe the grass, which is to-day in the field,  
and to-morrow is cast into the oven, how much more will he  
clothe you, O ye of little faith?

I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not.

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If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and  
take up his cross daily, and follow me.

Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath,  
he cannot be my disciple.

No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking  
back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee,  
then how canst thou contend with horses?  
and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they  
wearied thee,  
then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?

Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?  
declare, if thou hast understanding.

Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest?  
or who hath stretched the line upon it?

Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened?  
or who laid the corner-stone thereof;

when the morning stars sang together,  
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

Or who shut up the sea with doors,  
when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?  
when I made the cloud the garment thereof,  
and thick darkness a swaddling band for it,  
and brake up for it my decreed place,  
and set bars and doors,

and said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further:  
and here shall thy proud waters be stayed?

Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days;  
and caused the dayspring to know his place?

Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea?  
or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?

Have the gates of death been opened unto thee?  
or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?

Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth?  
 declare if thou knowest it all.

Where is the way where light dwelleth?  
 and as for darkness, where is the place thereof,  
 that thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof,  
 and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house  
 thereof?

Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow?  
 or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,  
 which I have reserved against the time of trouble,  
 against the day of battle and war?

Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades,  
 or loose the bands of Orion?

Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven?  
 canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?

Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds,  
 that abundance of waters may cover thee?

Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go,  
 and say unto thee, Here we are?

Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion?  
 or fill the appetite of the young lions?

Knowest thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring  
 forth?

or canst thou mark where the hinds do calve?  
 Gavest thou the goodly wings unto the peacocks?  
 or wings and feathers unto the ostrich?

Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom,  
 and stretch her wings toward the south?

Doth the eagle mount up at thy command,  
 and make her nest on high?

She dwelleth and abideth on the rock,  
 upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place.

From thence she seeketh the prey,  
 and her eyes behold afar off.

Her young ones also suck up blood,  
 and where the slain are, there is she.

Hast thou an arm like God?

or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?

Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency;  
 and array thyself with glory and beauty.

Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath:

and behold every one that is proud, and abase him.

Look on every one that is proud, and bring him low ;  
 and tread down the wicked in their place.  
 Hide them in the dust together ;  
 and bind their faces in secret.  
 Then will I also confess unto thee  
 that thine own right hand can save thee.

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Thou art my servant : I have formed thee ;  
 thou art my servant :  
 O, Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me.  
 I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions,  
 and, as a cloud, thy sins :  
 return unto me ;  
 for I have redeemed thee.

The Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.

The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world ; but that the world through him might be saved.

I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

It is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

There is no God else beside me ; a just God and a Saviour :  
 there is none beside me.

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth ;  
 for I am God, and there is none else.

Is not this a brand plucked out of the fire ?

This my son was dead and is alive again ; he was lost, and is found.

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I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.

I girded thee, though thou hast not known me.

If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

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Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou art the guide of my youth?

As I live, saith the Lord, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die?

I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works.

Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent.

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

How hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom,  
neither let the mighty man glory in his might,  
let not the rich man glory in his riches:

but let him that glorieth glory in this,  
that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord  
which exerciseth lovingkindness, judgment, and righteous-

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ness in the earth : for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.

Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the holy One of Israel ;  
I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit,  
which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.  
O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments !  
then had thy peace been as a river,  
and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea.

Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth :  
for the Lord hath spoken,  
I have nourished and brought up children,  
and they have rebelled against me.  
The ox knoweth his owner,  
and the ass his master's crib :  
but Israel doth not know,  
my people doth not consider.

And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day  
and night unto him, though he bear long with them ? I tell  
you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when  
the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth ?

Having eyes, see ye not ? and having ears, hear ye not ?  
and do ye not remember ?

How is it that ye do not understand ?

As touching the dead, that they rise ; have ye not read in  
the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him  
saying, " I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac,  
and the God of Jacob ? " He is not the God of the dead,  
but the God of the living : ye therefore do greatly err.

What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are  
gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are  
become vain ?

How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me ?

When thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest.

Why transgress ye the commandments of the Lord, that ye  
cannot prosper ? because ye have forsaken the Lord, he hath  
also forsaken you.

Them that honour me, I will honour,  
and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

O faithless and perverse generation! how long shall I be with you, and suffer you?

How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?

I said, "Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction?" so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them: but they rose early, and corrupted all their doings.

O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me.

Surely they are my people, children that will not lie.  
Though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies  
against me.

I will yet plead with you,  
and with your children's children will I plead.  
Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods?  
but my people have changed their glory for that which doth  
not profit.

Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid,  
be ye very desolate, saith the Lord.

Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, when he led thee in the way? Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know, therefore, and see, that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy God, and that my fear is not in thee.

Where are thy gods that thou hast made? let them arise, if

they can save thee in the time of thy trouble. Wherefore will ye plead with me? ye have all transgressed against me. In vain have I smitten your children : they received no correction.

Yet thou sayest, "Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me." Behold, I will plead with thee, because thou sayest, "I have not sinned." Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way?

How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me and sworn by them that are no gods. For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the Lord. They have belied the Lord, and said, "It is not he, neither shall evil come upon us, neither shall we see sword or famine."

Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding ;  
which have eyes, and see not ;  
which have ears, and hear not :  
fear ye not me? saith the Lord :

will ye not tremble at my presence,  
which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea,  
by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it ;  
and though the waves thereof toss themselves,  
yet they cannot prevail ;  
though they roar,

yet they cannot pass over it ?  
But this people hath a revolting and rebellious heart ;  
they are revolted and gone.

Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the Lord  
our God,  
that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his  
season :

he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.  
Your iniquities have turned away these things,  
and your sins have withholden good things from you.  
Shall I visit not for these things? saith the Lord :  
shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions ;  
so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from you all  
your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed ; and make  
you a new heart and a new spirit : for why will ye die ? For

I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God : wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

Amend your ways, and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God ; and the Lord will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.

Amend your ways, and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. If ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings : if ye thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbour ; if ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt : then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for ever and ever. Behold ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit.

O Jerusalem wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved : how long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee ?

Why art thou wroth ? and why is thy countenance fallen ? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted ? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door.

Ye say " The way of the Lord is not equal." Hear now, O house of Israel ; is not my way equal ? are not your ways unequal ? When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them ; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die. Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

They have turned their back unto me, and not their face : but in the time of their trouble they will say, " Arise, and save us."

In their affliction they will seek me early.

O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever !

I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing.

Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.

The night cometh when no man can work.

Will ye also go away?

What! Could ye not watch with me one hour?

Betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?

How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

They consider not in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness: now their own doings have beset them about; they are before my face.

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Why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right?

Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see. Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the Lord's servant? Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not.

When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather;  
for the sky is red.

And in the morning, It will be foul weather to-day:  
for the sky is red and lowering.

O ye hypocrites! ye can discern the face of the sky;  
but can ye not discern the signs of the times?

This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips: but their heart is far from me.

Why call ye me, "Lord, Lord," and do not the things which I say?

Ye will not come to me that ye might have life.

If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, "Give me to drink"; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

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A son honoureth his father,  
and a servant his master;  
if then I be a father, where is mine honour?  
and if I be a master, where is my fear?

My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

Have I been a wilderness to Israel? a land of darkness? wherefore say my people, "We are lords; we will come no more unto thee?" Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number.

O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee?  
O Judah, what shall I do unto thee?  
for your goodness is as a morning cloud,  
and as the early dew it goeth away.  
For I desired mercy and not sacrifice,  
and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord.

I spake unto thee in thy prosperity;  
but thou saidst, "I will not hear."  
This hath been thy manner from thy youth,  
that thou obeyed'st not my voice.

I said, I will never break my covenant with you: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this?

At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom,



to pluck up and to pull down and to destroy it ;  
if that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from  
their evil,

I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.  
And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation and  
concerning a kingdom,  
to build and to plant it ;  
if it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice,  
then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said that I  
would benefit them.

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Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband,  
so have ye dealt treacherously with me.

Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar  
off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not  
see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth?  
saith the Lord.

Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from  
the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say, "Who  
seeth us? and who knoweth us?" Shall the work say of him  
that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed  
say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?

I am sought of them that asked not for me ;

I am found of them that sought me not :

I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not  
called by my name.

I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious  
people,

which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own  
thoughts ;

a people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face.

All day long have I stretched forth my hands unto a  
disobedient and gainsaying people.

If thou had'st known, even thou, at least in this thy day,  
the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are  
hid from thine eyes.

Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his



spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to evil. Therefore will I scatter them as the stubble that passeth away by the wind of the wilderness. This is thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, saith the Lord; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood.

What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? Wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?

I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed; how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me? For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me.

What is this that thou hast done?

Shalt thou reign, because thou closest thyself in cedar? did not thy father eat and drink, and do judgment and justice, and then it was well with him? He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well with him: was not this to know me, saith the Lord.

Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow-servant, even as I had pity on thee?

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## PROMISES OF MAN TO GOD

IF God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace : then shall the Lord be my God.

Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

As the Lord hath said unto thy servants, so will we do.

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

The Lord our God will we serve,  
and his voice will we obey.

If the Lord shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the Lord.

As the Lord liveth, what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak.

The word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.

I cannot go beyond the commandment of the Lord, to do either good or bad of mine own mind ; but what the Lord saith, that will I speak.

I have opened my mouth unto the Lord, and I cannot go back.

All that the Lord hath spoken will we do.

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If a man vow a vow unto the Lord, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond ; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.

When thou vowest a vow unto the Lord, defer not to pay it ; for he hath no pleasure in fools : pay that which thou

hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.

When thou shalt vow a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not be slack to pay it : for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee ; and it would be sin in thee. But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee. That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform ; even a free-will offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the Lord thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth.

## PRAVERS OF MAN

WHAT is the best rule of prayer?

The prayers of the saints in God's Word, especially that prayer that Christ taught us.

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### I

ABIMELECH

Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation?

ABRAHAM

O that Ishmael might live before thee !

Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes.

Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city, wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked : and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee : shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

AGUR

Two things have I required of thee ;  
deny me them not before I die :  
remove from me vanity and lies :  
give me neither poverty nor riches ;  
feed me with food convenient for me :  
lest I be full, and deny thee,  
and say, Who is the Lord?

or lest I be poor and steal,  
and take the name of my God in vain.

## AMOS

O Lord God, forgive, I beseech thee ; by whom shall Jacob arise ? for he is small.

O Lord God, cease, I beseech thee ; by whom shall Jacob arise ? for he is small.

## ASA

Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many or with them that have no power : help us, O Lord our God ; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O Lord, thou art our God ; let not man prevail against thee.

## BALAAM

Let me die the death of the righteous,  
and let my last end be like his.

## BOAZ

The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

Blessed be thou of the Lord, my daughter ; for thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning.

## THE CHURCH

Behold, we come unto thee ; for thou art the Lord our God. Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains ; truly in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel. We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us : for we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God.

We have sinned ; do thou unto us whatsoever seemeth good unto thee ; deliver us only, we pray thee, this day.

Remember, O Lord, what is come upon us :  
 consider, and behold our reproach.  
 Our fathers have sinned, and are not ;  
 and we have borne their iniquities.  
 The crown has fallen from our head :  
 woe unto us, that we have sinned.  
 For this our heart is faint ;  
 for these things our eyes are dim.  
 Thou, Lord, remainest for ever ;  
 thy throne from generation to generation.  
 Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever,  
 and forsake us so long time ?  
 Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, and we shall be turned ;  
 renew our days as of old.

Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised,  
 as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke :  
 turn thou me, and I shall be turned ;  
 for thou art the Lord my God.  
 Surely after that I was turned, I repented ;  
 and after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh :  
 I was ashamed, yea, even confounded,  
 because I did bear the reproach of my youth.

We have sinned, because we have forsaken the Lord : but  
 now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will  
 serve thee.

As a beast goeth down into the valley,  
 the Spirit of the Lord caused him to rest :  
 so didst thou lead thy people,  
 to make thyself a glorious name.  
 Look down from heaven,  
 and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of  
 thy glory.  
 Doubtless thou art our father,  
 though Abraham be ignorant of us,  
 and Israel acknowledge us not :  
 thou, O Lord, art our father, our redeemer :  
 thy name is from everlasting.

I have laboured in vain,  
 I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain ;

yet surely my judgment is with the Lord,  
and my work with my God.

Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: for in  
thee the fatherless findeth mercy.

The way of the just is uprightness:

thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just.

Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited  
for thee;

the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remem-  
brance of thee.

With my soul have I desired thee in the night;

yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early:

for when thy judgments are in the earth,

the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Let favour be shewed to the wicked,

yet will he not learn righteousness:

in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly,

and will not behold the majesty of the Lord.

Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us:

for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.

O Lord our God, other lords beside thee have had dominion  
over us:

but by thee only will we make mention of thy name.

O Lord, be gracious unto us;

we have waited for thee:

be thou their arm every morning,

our salvation also in the time of trouble.

Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself,

O God of Israel, the Saviour.

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord;

awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old!

O Lord, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways,

and hardened our heart from thy fear?

Return for thy servants' sake,

the tribes of thine inheritance

Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest  
come down,

that the mountains might flow down at thy presence!

When thou didst terrible things that we looked not for, thou  
camest down,  
the mountains flowed down at thy presence.

Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness ;  
those that remember thee in thy ways :

behold, thou art wroth ;  
for we have sinned.

We are all as an unclean thing,  
and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags ;  
and we all do fade as a leaf ;  
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

And there is none that calleth upon thy name,  
that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee :  
for thou hast hid thy face from us,  
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

But now, O Lord, thou art our father :  
we are the clay, and thou our potter ;  
and we all are the work of thy hand.

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,  
neither remember iniquity for ever :  
behold, see, we beseech thee,  
we are ail thy people.

Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the  
terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy, let not all the  
trouble seem little before thee, that hath come upon us.  
Howbeit, thou art just in all that is brought upon us ; for thou  
hast done right, but we have done wickedly.

Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to  
reproach, that the heathen should rule over them.

Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth,  
and the sea, and all that in them is ; who by the mouth of thy  
servant David hast said,

Why did the heathen rage,  
and the people imagine vain things ?

The kings of the earth stood up,  
and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord and  
against his Christ.

For of a truth, against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast  
anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles,



and the people of Israel, were gathered together, for to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. And now, Lord, behold their threatenings : and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, by stretching forth thine hand to heal ; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy child Jesus.

I have not transgressed thy commandments, neither have I forgotten them ; but I have hearkened to the voice of the Lord my God, and have done according to all that thou hast commanded me. Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers.

Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, show whether of these two thou hast chosen, that he may take part of this ministry and apostleship.

#### DANIEL

O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments : we have sinned and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts, and from thy judgments : neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day. O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee. To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him ; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us by his servants the prophets. Therefore hath the Lord watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us : for the Lord our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth : for we obeyed not his voice. Now, therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord's sake. O my God, incline thine ear, and hear ; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name : for we

do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken, and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God; for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.

Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

and he changeth the times and the seasons:

he removeth kings, and setteth up kings:

he giveth wisdom to the wise,

and knowledge to them that know understanding:

he revealeth the deep and secret things:

he knoweth what is in the darkness,

and the light dwelleth with him.

I thank thee and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee.

O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?

#### DAVID

O Lord, I beseech thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness.

I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant, for I have done very foolishly.

Even I it is who have sinned and done evil indeed: but as for these sheep, what have they done? Let thine hand, I pray thee, O Lord my God, be on me and on my father's house; but not on thy people, that they should be plagued.

O Lord, there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. For thy people Israel didst thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, Lord, becamest their God. Therefore now, Lord, let the thing that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant and concerning his house be established for ever, and do as thou hast said. Let it even be established, that thy name may be magnified for ever, saying, The Lord of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel.

Who am I, O Lord God? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? And this was yet a small

thing in thy sight, O Lord God ; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And is this the manner of man, O Lord God ? For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know them. Wherefore thou art great, O Lord God ; for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. And now, O Lord God, thou art that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant : therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee : for thou, O Lord God, hast spoken it : and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

Who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort ? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers : our days as the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding. O Lord, our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name, cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own. I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things : and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee. O Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee.

He is my refuge, my saviour ;

thou savest me from violence.

When the waves of death compassed me,

the floods of ungodly men made me afraid ;

the sorrows of hell compassed me about ;

the snares of death prevented me :

in my distress I called upon the Lord,

and cried to my God :

and he did hear my voice out of his temple,

and my cry did enter into his ears.

With the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful,

and with the upright man thou wilt show thyself upright.

With the pure thou wilt show thyself pure ;  
 and with the froward thou wilt show thyself unsavoury.  
 And the afflicted people thou wilt save :  
 but thine eyes are upon the haughty, that thou mayest  
 bring them down.  
 For thou art my lamp, O Lord :  
 and the Lord will lighten my darkness.  
 God is my strength and power :  
 and he maketh my way perfect.  
 Thou also hast lifted me up on high above them that rose up  
 against me :  
 thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

## ELIEZER

O Lord God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me  
 good speed this day, and show kindness unto my master  
 Abraham.

## ELIJAH

O Lord my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come in-  
 to him again.

Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine  
 altars ; and they seek my life.

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known  
 this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy  
 servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.  
 Hear me, O Lord, hear me ; that this people may know that  
 thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart  
 back again.

Now, O Lord, take away my life ; for I am not better than  
 my fathers.

## ELISHA

Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see.

## EZEKIEL

Ah, Lord God ! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel  
 in thy pouring out of thy fury on Jerusalem ?

Ah, Lord God! wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Israel?

## EZRA

O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens. Since the days of our fathers have we been in a great trespass unto this day. And now for a little space grace hath been showed us from the Lord our God, that our God may lighten our eyes and give us a little reviving in our bondage. For we were bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage. And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments. After all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God has punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such deliverance as this; should we again break thy commandments, wouldst not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping? O Lord God of Israel, thou art righteous: for we remain yet escaped, as it is this day: behold, we are before thee in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before thee because of this.

## GIDEON

Oh my Lord, if the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of?

## HABAKKUK

Art thou not from everlasting, O Lord my God, mine Holy One? We shall not die.

O Lord, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear?  
even cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save!  
Why dost thou shew me iniquity,  
And cause me to behold grievance?  
for spoiling and violence are before me:  
and there are that raise up strife and contention.

Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil,  
and canst not look on iniquity:

wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously,  
and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man  
that is more righteous than he ?

O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years,  
in the midst of the years make known ;  
in wrath remember mercy.

## HAGAR

Thou God seest me.

## HANNAH

O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction  
of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine  
handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child,  
then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life.

## HEZEKIAH

O Lord God of Israel, which dwellest between the cheru-  
bims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms  
of the earth ; thou hast made heaven and earth. Lord, bow  
down thine ear, and hear : open, Lord, thine eyes, and  
see.

The good Lord pardon every one that prepareth his heart  
to seek God, the Lord God of his fathers, though he be not  
cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary.

Remember now, O Lord, how I beseech thee, how I have  
walked before thee in truth, and with a perfect heart, and  
have done that which is good in thy sight.

Mine eyes fail with looking upward :

O Lord, I am oppressed ; undertake for me.

O Lord, by these things men live,  
and in all these things is the life of my spirit :  
so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live.

Behold, for peace I had great bitterness ;  
but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit  
of corruption :  
for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

For the grave cannot praise thee ;  
death cannot celebrate thee :  
they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.  
The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day :  
the father to the children shall make known thy truth.

## ISAIAH

Here am I ; send me.

Lord, in trouble have they visited thee, they have poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them.

## JABEZ

Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me.

## JACOB

I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which thou hast showed unto thy servant.

I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, the Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads.

I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord.

## JEHOSAPHAT

O Lord God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven ? and rulest thou not over all the kingdoms of the heathen ? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee ? If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence (for thy name is in this house), and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help. For we have no might against this great company that cometh against us ; neither know we what to do : but our eyes are upon thee.

## JEREMIAH

Ah ! Lord God ! behold, I cannot speak ; for I am a child.

O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself :  
it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

O Lord, correct me, but with judgment ;  
not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.

O Lord, art not thine eyes upon the truth ?  
thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved ;  
thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive  
correction :  
they have made their faces harder than a rock ;  
they have refused to return.

A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of  
our sanctuary. O Lord, the hope of Israel, all that forsake  
thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from thee shall  
be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the Lord,  
the fountain of living waters.

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed ;  
save me, and I shall be saved :  
for thou art my praise.

That which came out of my lips was right before thee.  
Be not a terror unto me :  
thou art my hope in the day of evil.

Give heed to me, O Lord, and hearken to the voice of  
them that contend with me. Shall evil be recompensed for  
good ? for they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember  
that I stood before thee to speak good for them, and to turn  
away thy wrath from them.

O Lord, though our iniquities testify against us,  
do thou it for thy name's sake :  
for our backslidings are many ;  
we have sinned against thee.

O, the hope of Israel,  
the Saviour thereof in time of trouble,  
why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land,  
and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a  
night ?



Why shouldest thou be as a man astonished,  
as a mighty man that cannot save ?  
Yet thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us,  
and we are called by thy name ;  
leave us not.

Why hast thou smitten us,  
and there is no healing for us ?  
we looked for peace,  
and there is no good ;  
and for the time of healing,  
and behold trouble !

We acknowledge, O Lord, our wickedness, and the iniquity  
of our fathers ;  
for we have sinned against thee.  
Do not abhor us, for thy name's sake,  
do not disgrace the throne of thy glory :  
remember, break not thy covenant with us.

Righteous art thou, O Lord, when I plead with thee :  
yet let me talk with thee of thy judgments.  
Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper ?  
Wherefore are all they happy that deal very treacherously ?  
Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root :  
they grow, yea, they bring forth fruit,  
thou art near in their mouth,  
and far from their reins.  
But thou, O Lord, knowest me :  
thou hast seen me, and tried my heart toward thee.

O Lord, thou knowest :  
remember me, and visit me, and revenge me of my  
persecutors ;  
take me not away in thy longsuffering :  
know that for thy sake have I suffered rebuke.  
Thy words were found, and I did eat them ;  
and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine  
heart :  
for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts.

Ah, Lord God ! behold thou hast made the heaven and  
the earth by thy great power and stretched out thine arm, and  
there is nothing too hard for thee : thou showest loving-

kindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them : the Great, the Mighty God, the Lord of hosts is his name, great in counsel, and mighty in work : for thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men ; to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

O Lord, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, "Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit."

#### PRAYERS OF THE LORD JESUS

I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father : for so it seemed good in thy sight.

Father, the hour is come ; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee. I have glorified thee on the earth : I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me, with thine own self, with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. Sanctify them through thy truth : thy word is truth.

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word ; that they all may be one ; as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us : that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am ; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me : for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee : but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will

declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name.

Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

Thy will be done.

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

Father, into thine hands I commend my spirit.

### JOB

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away;  
blessed be the name of the Lord.

Am I sea or a whale,

that thou settest a watch over me?

When I say, "My bed shall comfort me,

my couch shall ease my complaint";

then thou scarest me with dreams,

and terrifiest me with through visions;

so that my soul chooseth strangling,

and death rather than my life.

What is man that thou shouldest magnify him?

and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him?

and that thou shouldest visit him every morning,

and try him every moment?

Do not condemn me;

show me wherefore thou contendest with me.

Is it good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress,

that thou shouldest despise the work of thine hands,

and shine upon the counsel of the wicked?

Hast thou eyes of flesh ?

or seest thou as man seeth ?

Are thy days as the days of man ?

are thy years as man's days,

that thou enquirest after mine iniquity,

and searchest after my sin ?

Thou knowest that I am not wicked ;

and there is none that can deliver out of thine hand.

Thine hands have made me, and fashioned me together  
round about ;

yet thou dost destroy me.

Withdraw thine hand far from me :

and let not thy dread make me afraid.

Then call thou, and I will answer :

or let me speak, and answer thou me.

How many are mine iniquities and sins ?

make me to know my transgression and my sin.

Behold, I am vile : what shall I answer thee ?

I will lay my hand upon my mouth.

Once have I spoken ; but I will not answer :

yea twice ; but I will proceed no further.

Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as  
the clay ;

and wilt thou bring me into dust again ?

Thou hast granted me life and favour,

and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.

If I sin, then thou markest me,

and thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity.

If I be wicked,

woe unto me ;

and if I be righteous,

yet will I not lift up my head.

I am full of confusion ;

therefore see thou my affliction, for it increaseth.

Wherefore hidest thou thy face,

and holdest me for thine enemy ?

Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro ?

and wilt thou pursue the dry stubble ?

For thou writest bitter things against me,

and makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth.

Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee :  
 thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.

Surely the mountain falling cometh to naught,  
 and the rock is removed out of his place.

The waters wear the stones :

thou wastest away the things which grow out of the dust of  
 the earth ;

and thou destroyest the hope of man.

Thou prevailest for ever against him,

and he passeth :

thou changest his countenance,

and sendest him away.

I know that thou canst do every thing,

and that no thought can be withholden from thee.

Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge ?

therefore have I uttered that I understood not ;

things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear :

but now mine eye seeth thee.

Wherefore I abhor myself,

and repent in dust and ashes.

### JOHN

Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and  
 which was, and which is to come ; and from the seven Spirits  
 which are before his throne ; and from Jesus Christ, who is  
 the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and  
 the prince of the kings of the earth.

Come, Lord Jesus !

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

### JONAH

Thou hadst cast me into the deep,

in the midst of the seas ;

and the floods compassed me about :

all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.

Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight ;

yet will I look again toward thy holy temple.

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The waters compassed me about,  
even to the soul :  
the depth closed me round about,  
the weeds were wrapped about my head.  
I went down to the bottoms of the mountains ;  
the earth with her bars was about me for ever :  
yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O Lord  
my God.

When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord :  
and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.  
They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.  
But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving ;  
I will pay that that I have vowed.  
Salvation is of the Lord.

O Lord, take, I beseech thee, my life from me ; for it is  
better for me to die than to live.

### JOSEPH

God be gracious unto thee, my son.

### JOSHUA

Alas ! O Lord God, what shall I say, when Israel turneth  
their backs before their enemies.

### MANOAH

O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come  
again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child  
that shall be born.

### THE MARTYRS

How long, O Lord God, holy and true, dost thou not judge  
and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth ?

### MARY

Behold the handmaid of the Lord ; be it unto me accord-  
ing to thy word.

## MOSES

I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying, 'The Lord is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation. Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people, according to the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.

Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold; yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us; for it is a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance.

O Lord God, destroy not thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand. Remember thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin.

O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation?

See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, "I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight." Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight; and consider that this nation is thy people.

If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? is it not in that thou goest with us?

I beseech thee, show me thy glory.

Rise up, Lord, and let thine enemies be scattered,  
and let them that hate thee flee before thee.

Return, O Lord, unto the many thousands of Israel.

What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me.

Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me? Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, "Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers"? Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, "Give us flesh, that we may eat." I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me. And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.

Would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them.

The Lord God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you as he hath promised you.

Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee.

Hear, Lord, the voice of Judah,  
and bring him unto his people:  
let his hands be sufficient for him;  
and be thou an help to him from his enemies.

O Lord God, thou hast begun to show thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God is there in heaven or in earth that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might? I pray thee, let me go over and see the good land that is beyond Jordan.

#### NAOMI

The Lord deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me.



Blessed be he of the Lord, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead.

## NEHEMIAH

Think upon me, my God for good, according to all that I have done for this people.

Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands.

Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God.

Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.

Remember me, O my God, for good.

I beseech thee, O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments: let thine ears now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee; both I and my father's house have sinned. We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept thy commandments nor the statutes nor the judgments which thou commandedst thy servant Moses. Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power and by thy strong hand. O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day.

## PAUL

Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?

Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another, according to Christ Jesus; that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain. The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day.

The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Now the God of peace be with you all.

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

My love be with you all in Christ Jesus.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

Grace be to you, and peace, from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: to whom be glory for ever and ever.

The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our

Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.

Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever.

## PETER

Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?

Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee: what shall we have therefore?

Lord, why cannot I follow thee now?

Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee.

The God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus.

## PHILIP

Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

## SAMUEL

Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth.

## SAMSON

Thou hast given this great deliverance into the hand of thy servant ; and now shall I die for thirst ?

## SAUL

The Lord reward thee good for that thou hast done unto me this day.

## SIMEON

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word : for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people ; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

## SOLOMON

Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart.

If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpillar ; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities : whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be ; what prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house : then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest ; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men ;) that they may tear thee all the days that they live in the land that thou gavest unto our fathers. For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth to be thine inheritance, O Lord God.

Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people : for who can judge this thy people that is so great ?

Will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth ? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee ; how much less this house which I have built ! Have respect,

therefore, to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication,  
O Lord my God, to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant  
prayeth toward this place. Hear thou from thy dwelling-  
place, even from heaven ; and when thou hearest, forgive.

Let thy priests, O Lord God, be clothed with salvation,  
and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.

## STEPHEN

Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.

## THE SONS OF ZEBEDEE

Master, we would that thou shouldst do for us whatsoever  
we shall desire. Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy  
right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory.

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## II

Our transgressions are multiplied before thee,  
and our sins testify against us :  
for our transgressions are with us ;  
and as for our iniquities, we know them.

God be merciful to me a sinner.

Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and  
am no more worthy to be called thy son.

Surely it is meet to be said unto God, "I have borne  
chastisement, I will not offend any more : that which I see  
not, teach thou me : if I have done iniquity, I will do so no  
more."

I called upon thy name, O Lord, out of the low dungeon.  
Thou hast heard my voice ;

hide not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry.

Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee :  
thou saidst, Fear not.

O Lord, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul ;  
thou hast redeemed my life.

O Lord, thou hast seen my wrong ;  
judge thou my cause.

Lord, save us ; we perish.  
Master, carest thou not that we perish ?  
Lord, help me.  
Lord, save me.  
Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.  
If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

Master, I beseech thee, look upon my son ; for he is mine only child.

My little daughter lieth at the point of death : I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed ; and she shall live.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David ! my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

If thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us.

Lord, I believe ; help thou mine unbelief.  
Increase our faith.

Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life ?

Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

Abide with us : for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.

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The Lord bless thee and keep thee :  
the Lord make his face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee :  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.

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Brethren, pray for us.

Pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you : and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men.

Pray for us : for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving ; withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance.

I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me ; that I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judæa ; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints ; that I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.

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### III

I exhort that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men.

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death.

Pray for thy servants unto the Lord thy God, that we die not.

Entreat now the face of the Lord thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again.

Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

Pray now unto the Lord our God for us.

Lift up thy prayer for the remnant that is left.

Pray for us unto the Lord thy God, even for all this remnant ; (for we are left but a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us) that the Lord thy God may shew us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do.

Pray for us unto the Lord thy God ; and according unto all that the Lord our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do it.

We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against thee : pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.

Cease not to cry unto the Lord our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

Beseech God that he will be gracious unto us.

As for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you.

We give thanks to God always for you all making mention of you in our prayers ; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father.

What thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God ; night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith ?

Without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers ; making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you. For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established ; that is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

We pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power ; that the name



of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now I pray to God that ye do no evil.

Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and love unto all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come; and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

We do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.

## IV

## THE DIRECTIONS OF THE LORD JESUS FOR PRAYER

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and, when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret ; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye :

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread : and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

What things soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any ; that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you.

Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation ; the spirit indeed is willing,\* but the flesh is weak.

Why sleep ye ? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few ; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone ?

or if he ask a fish,  
will he for a fish give him a serpent?  
or if he shall ask an egg,  
will he offer him a scorpion?  
If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto  
your children,  
how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy  
Spirit to them that ask him?

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it.

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

## V

THE LORD'S PRAYER (as expounded in Calvin's *Catechism of the Christian Religion*, used by the Scottish Church from 1564 onwards).

Wherefore is God named here *our Father*, rather than by some other name?

Since in time of prayer specially we ought to have a steadfast assurance of God's favour in our consciences, it pleaseth God to be called of us by a name which soundeth nothing but all sweetness, bounty and mercifulness, thereby to drive away all doubtfulness and fear, and to make us conceive a bold courage to come familiarly into His presence.

Wherefore dost thou not rather call God *thy Father* than *our Father*, as it were in common?

Every faithful man may right well call God his Father particularly, but in this form of prayer our Saviour Christ doth teach us to pray in common, that we might remember thereby the duty and charity which we owe to our neighbours in our prayers, and to monish us not to care only for ourselves.

What meaneth this clause, *which art in heaven*?

It is as much to say as to name him high, mighty, and incomprehensible.

To what purpose serveth that?

That when we call upon him by prayer, we might learn to lift up our minds, and to withdraw our imagination from thinking anything of him worldly or earthly, and that we should not measure him by our fleshly judgment and so make him subject to our will or appetite, but rather that we might with all humbleness of mind honour his excellent majesty, and also that we might have occasion to put so much the more our trust assuredly in him, considering that he is Lord and Master of all.

What dost thou mean by the *daily bread* which thou askest?

That word containeth all things whereof we have need in this present life, not only as touching meat, drink, and clothes, but all manner of things that God knoweth to be expedient for us in this world, whereby we may have the fruition of his benefits in quietness.

Why beggest thou of God thy daily nourishment, since he hath given a charge unto all men to get their living with the labour of their hands?

Albeit we are commanded to labour for our living, yet all our labour, diligence and provision that we can make, is not able to procure us a living; but the only blessing of God upon our hands and travail, which prospereth the things we go about in his Name. Moreover this is to be considered, that it is not meat or drink that nourisheth us (notwithstanding we be commanded to make provision for those things) but the power of God maintaineth our life, and we use them only as instruments.

Why callest thou it *our bread*, since we desire that it may be given us?

That cometh of the only bountifulness of God, whose pleasure it was to name it ours, albeit it is nothing at all due to us: and again by this word we are put in remembrance not to desire another man's bread, but that only which we shall come by, by honest and lawful means, agreeable to God's ordinance.

What meaneth this clause, *For unto thee belongeth the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever*?

It putteth us again in remembrance that our prayers be grounded upon God and his almighty power and goodness, and not in anything that is in us, since we of ourselves be unworthy once to open our mouths to call upon him: again we are taught hereby to conclude all our prayers in the praising of his power and goodness.

## THANKSGIVINGS OF MAN

THE Lord is my strength and song,  
and he is become my salvation :  
he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation ;  
my father's God, and I will exalt him.  
Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods ?  
who is like thee,  
glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders ?  
Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast  
redeemed :  
thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy  
habitation.  
The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

Praise the Lord,  
call upon his name,  
declare his doings among the people,  
make mention that his name is exalted.  
Sing unto the Lord ; for he hath done excellent things :  
this is known in all the earth.  
Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion :  
for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Stand up and bless the Lord your God for ever and ever :  
and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all  
blessing and praise. Thou, even thou, art Lord alone ; thou  
hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their  
host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas and  
all that is therein, and thou preservest them all ; and the host  
of heaven worshippeth thee.

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our father, for ever  
and ever. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the power  
and the glory and the victory and the majesty : for all that is  
in the heaven and the earth is thine ; thine is the kingdom,  
O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches

and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all : and in thine hand is power and might ; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power : for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art and wast and art to come ; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power and hast reigned.

Alleluia : for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him.

Break forth with joy, sing together,  
ye waste places of Jerusalem :  
for the Lord hath comforted his people,  
he hath redeemed Jerusalem.  
The Lord hath made bare his holy arm  
in the eyes of all the nations ;  
and all the ends of the earth  
shall see the salvation of our God.

Sing unto the Lord a new song,  
and his praise from the end of the earth,  
ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein ;  
the isles and the inhabitants thereof.  
Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice,  
the villages that Kedar doth inhabit :  
let the inhabitants of the rock sing,  
let them shout from the top of the mountains.  
Let them give glory to the Lord,  
and declare his praise in the islands.

Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him,  
both small and great.

Ascribe ye greatness to our God. A God of truth and  
without iniquity, just and right is he.

Sing unto the Lord, all the earth ;  
show forth from day to day his salvation.

Declare his glory among the heathen ;  
his marvellous works among all nations.

Remember that thou magnify his work, which men behold.  
Every man may see it ; man may behold it afar off.

What hath God wrought !

God thundereth marvellously with his voice ;  
great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend.

Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out : he is  
excellent in power and in judgment, and in plenty of justice :  
he will not afflict.

The Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord  
is our king ; he will save us.

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Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity,  
and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his  
heritage ?

he retaineth not his anger for ever,  
because he delighteth in mercy.

He will turn again,  
he will have compassion on us ;  
he will subdue our iniquities :  
and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, who com-  
forteth us in all our tribulations, that we may be able to  
comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort  
wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

Sing, O heavens ; and be joyful, O earth ;  
and break forth into singing, O mountains :  
for the Lord hath comforted his people,  
and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

O Lord, thou art my God ;  
I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name ;  
for thou hast done wonderful things ;  
thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.



For thou hast been a strength to the poor,  
a strength to the needy in his distress,  
a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat,  
when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against  
the wall.

Blessing and honour and glory and power be unto him  
that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever  
and ever.

Thanks be unto God which always causeth us to triumph  
in Christ.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my soul shall be joyful in my God ;  
for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments,  
and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,  
and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to  
spring forth ;  
so the Lord will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring forth before all the nations.

Great and marvellous are thy works,  
Lord God almighty ;  
just and true are thy ways,  
thou King of saints.  
Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name ?  
for thou only art holy :  
for all nations shall come and worship before thee ;  
for thy judgments are made manifest.

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge  
of God !  
how unsearchable are his judgments,  
and his ways past finding out !  
For who hath known the mind of the Lord ?  
or who hath been his counsellor ?  
Or who hath first given to him,  
and it shall be recompensed unto him again ?  
For of him and through him and to him are all things :  
to whom be glory for ever.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and blessing.

Sing unto the Lord, praise ye the Lord :  
for he hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand  
of evildoers.

Lord God almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

Salvation and glory and honour and power unto the Lord  
our God : for true and righteous are his judgments.

O give thanks unto the Lord ; for he is good :  
for his mercy endureth for ever.

And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation,  
and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen,  
that we may give thanks to thy holy name,  
and glory in thy praise.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for ever and ever.

Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise. The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us; that he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments.

Praise the Lord of hosts : for the Lord is good ;  
for his mercy endureth for ever.

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My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden :  
for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me  
blessed.

For he that is mighty hath done to me great things ;  
and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him,  
from generation to generation.

He hath showed strength with his arm ;  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their  
hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seats,  
and exalted them of low degree.

He hath filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He hath holpen his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy ;

as he spake to our fathers,  
to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel ;  
for he hath visited and redeemed his people,  
and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us,  
in the house of his servant David ;

as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets,  
which have been since the world began :

that we should be saved from our enemies,  
and from the hand of all that hate us :

to perform the mercy promised to our fathers,  
and to remember his holy covenant ;

the oath which he sware to our father Abraham,

that he would grant unto us, that we, being delivered out  
of the hand of our enemies,

might serve him without fear,

in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of  
our life.

Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood,

out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation ;  
and hast made us unto our God kings and priests : and we  
shall reign on earth.

Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of  
our God, and the power of his Christ : for the accuser of our  
brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God  
day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the  
Lamb, and by the word of their testimony ; and they loved  
not their lives unto the death. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens,  
and ye that dwell in them.

Lo, this is our God ;

we have waited for him, and he will save us ;

this is the Lord ;

we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his  
salvation.

O Lord, I will praise thee :

though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned  
away, and thou comfortedst me.

Behold, God is my salvation ;

I will trust and not be afraid :

for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song ;

he also is become my salvation.

Although the figtree shall not blossom,

neither shall fruit be in the vines ;

the labour of the olive shall fail,

and the fields shall yield no meat ;

the flock shall be cut off from the fold,

and there shall be no herd in the stalls :

yet will I rejoice in the Lord,

I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed  
on thee : because he trusteth in thee.

I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, and the  
praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath be-  
stowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of  
Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his  
mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving-  
kindnesses,

My heart rejoiceth in the Lord.  
There is none holy as the Lord :  
for there is none beside thee ;  
neither is there any rock like our God.  
Talk no more so exceeding proudly ;  
let not arrogancy come out of your mouth :  
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.  
The bows of the mighty men are broken,  
and they that stumbled are girded with strength.  
The Lord killeth and maketh alive :  
he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.  
The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich :  
he bringeth low, and lifteth up.  
He will keep the feet of his saints,  
and the wicked shall be silent in darkness ;  
for by strength shall no man prevail.

Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised ; there hath not failed one word of all his good promise. The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers : let him not leave us, nor forsake us : that he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.

Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, but now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith : to God the only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever.

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our saviour be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever.

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord :  
hosanna in the highest !

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,  
which was, and is, and is to come.

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts ;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.

Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever.

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O death where is thy sting ?

O grave where is thy victory ?

The sting of death is sin ;

and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God,

which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

## APPEALS AND ENCOURAGEMENTS OF MAN TO MAN

THE Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people; but because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen. Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's thy God,  
the earth also, with all that therein is.  
Only the Lord had a delight in thy fathers to love them,  
and he chose their seed after them,  
even you above all people, as it is this day.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. We love him, because he first loved us.

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By the grace of God I am what I am.

Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day.

Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.

God hath power to help and to cast down.

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Now it is in mine heart to make a covenant with the Lord God of Israel, that his fierce anger may turn away from us.

My sons, be not now negligent: for the Lord hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him.

Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee; hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgments, seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.

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The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned. The Lord God hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, "Behold thy God reigneth."

We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

His word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.

Thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.

As it is written, "I believed, and therefore have I spoken"; we also believe and therefore speak.

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

We declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the



same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again.

We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to his purpose.

We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding that we may know him that is true: and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ.

We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.

One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.

I know that my redeemer liveth,  
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:  
and though, after my skin, worms destroy this body,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God:  
whom I shall see for myself,  
and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

I am persuaded that neither life nor death, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Behold I set before you this day a blessing and a curse: a blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day; and a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore and show thyself a man: and keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes and his commandments and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest and whithersoever thou turnest thyself.

Behold I die, but God shall be with you.

Behold, this day, I am going the way of all the earth; and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, and not one thing hath failed thereof.

My beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling: for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves and know that this is indeed the Christ, the saviour of the world.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end.

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever.

Come with me, and see my zeal for the Lord.

We are journeying unto the place of which the Lord said, "I will give it you": come thou with us, and we will do thee good: and it shall be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall be, that what goodness the Lord shall do unto us, the same will we do unto thee.

That thy trust may be in the Lord, I have made known to thee this day, even to thee. Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, that I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth, that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee.

Come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
and to the house of the God of Jacob;  
and he will teach us of his ways,  
and we will walk in his paths.

For all people will walk every one in the name of his god,  
and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for  
ever and ever.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace,  
that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of  
need.

Let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of  
faith.

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God is mighty, and despiseth not any.

He stayeth his rough wind in the day of his east wind.

If our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart,  
and knoweth all things.

When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble?

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, he shall gather the  
lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall  
gently lead those that are with young.

Thy maker is thine husband: the Lord of hosts is his  
name.

As the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

Is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee and established thee?

In him we live and move and have our being.

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Turn thou to thy God; keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually.

If thou prepare thine heart,  
and stretch out thine hands toward him;  
if iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away,  
and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles.  
For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot;  
yea, thou shalt be steadfast, and shalt not fear:  
because thou shalt forget thy misery,  
and remember it as waters that pass away:  
and thine age shall be clearer than the noonday:  
thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning.

We know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up,  
thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles.  
For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty,  
and shalt lift up thy face unto God.  
Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee,  
and thou shalt pay thy vows.  
Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established  
unto thee:  
and the light shall shine upon thy ways.

The Lord is far from the wicked:  
but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.  
The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord:  
but the prayer of the upright is his delight.

When we cried unto the Lord God of our fathers, the Lord heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression.

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

In everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.

The Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him.

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray.

We know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

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His eyes are upon the ways of man,  
and he seeth all his goings.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,  
and his ears are open unto their prayers.

He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous.

The ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord,  
and he pondereth all his goings.

The eyes of the Lord are in every place,  
beholding the evil and the good.

Hell and destruction are before the Lord ;  
how much more then the hearts of the children of men ?

The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.

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Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man,  
neither will he help the evil-doers.

The righteous shall hold on his way,  
and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.

He shall pray unto God,  
and he will be favourable unto him ;  
and he shall see his face with joy :  
for he will render unto man his righteousness.

He looketh upon men ; and if any say, " I have sinned,  
and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not,"  
he will deliver his soul from going into the pit,  
and his life shall see the light.

Lo, all these things worketh God oftentimes with man,  
to bring back his soul from the pit,  
to be enlightened with the light of the living.

The foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal,  
" The Lord knoweth them that are his." And, " let every one  
that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble ;  
and he knoweth them that trust in him.

Sing, O daughter of Zion ; shout, O Israel,  
be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of  
Jerusalem.

The Lord hath taken away thy judgments,  
he hath cast out thine enemy :  
the king of Israel, even the Lord, is in the midst of thee :  
thou shalt not see evil any more.

In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem,

“Fear thou not;”  
and to Zion,

“Let not thine hands be slack.”  
The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty;  
he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy;  
he will rest in his love;  
he will joy over thee with singing.

Be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said,  
I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may  
boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what  
man shall do unto me.

Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people  
saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help.

Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is  
everlasting strength.

I have learnt, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be  
content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how  
to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both  
to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer  
need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth  
me.

Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world.

How great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty!

Surely in the Lord have I righteousness and strength.

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God is able to make all grace abound toward you.

The same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.  
For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be  
saved.

The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich;  
and he addeth no sorrow with it.

My God shall supply all your need, according to his riches  
in glory by Christ Jesus.

Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though

he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might become rich.

God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus; that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace, in his kindness toward us through Jesus Christ.

Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

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It is not of him that willeth nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

The Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

As we have received mercy, we faint not.

Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God; which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

In the wilderness thou hast seen how that the Lord thy God bore thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went.

The Lord thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand; he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness; these forty years the Lord thy God hath been with thee, thou hast lacked nothing.

The Lord thy God blesseth thee, as he promised thee.

Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness; yet turn not aside after following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart; and turn ye not aside: for then should ye go after vain things, which cannot profit or deliver; for they are vain: for the Lord will not forsake his people for his great name's sake; because it hath pleased the Lord to make you



his people. Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart : for consider how great things he hath done for you.

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Repent of this thy wickedness ; and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

Let man and beast cry mightily unto God : yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. Who can tell if God will turn and repent ?

Repent ye and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

God now commandeth all men everywhere to repent : because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness, by that man whom he hath ordained : whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

The Lord is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

And therefore will the Lord wait,  
that he may be gracious unto you,  
and therefore will he be exalted,  
that he may have mercy upon you ;  
for the Lord is a God of judgment :  
blessed are all they that wait for him.

Despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering ; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance ?

As for you, ye thought evil against me ; but God meant it for good.

Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful,  
and hast forgotten the God that formed thee.

The Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him.

Turn ye unto him from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted.

All we like sheep have gone astray ; we have turned every one to his own way ; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

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Give glory to the Lord your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains.

Let us search and try our ways,  
and turn again to the Lord.  
Let us lift up our heart with our hands  
unto God in the heavens.

Come and let us return unto the Lord :  
for he hath torn, and he will heal us :  
he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

After two days will he revive us :  
in the third day he will raise us up,  
and we shall live in his sight.

Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord :  
his going forth is prepared as the morning :  
and he shall come unto us as the rain,  
as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners ; of whom I am chief.

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O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end !

God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed. Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction, that he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man.

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God giveth to a man that is good in his sight, wisdom, and knowledge, and joy.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not ; and it shall be given him.

There is a spirit in man :

and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded : and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

For the Lord giveth wisdom :

out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous :

he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

He keepeth the paths of judgment,

and perceiveth the way of his saints.

It is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirits.

They that seek the Lord understand all things.

His secret is with the righteous.

I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

Behold, God exalteth by his power :  
who teacheth like him ?

Where is God my Maker, who giveth songs in the night ;  
who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and  
maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven ?

There is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets.

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See that ye fall not out by the way.

Sirs, ye are brethren ; why do ye wrong one to another ?

Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother?

Why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

Receive ye one another, as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

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Be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have opportunity therefore, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of God.

Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

We are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end.

Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

Ye did run well; who did hinder you, that ye should not obey the truth?

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God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: that ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

We, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

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And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again.

The promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: and that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord . . . whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for he is faithful that promised.

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God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you and keep you from evil.

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations.

Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

If we be dead with him,  
     we shall also live with him :  
 if we suffer,  
     we shall also reign with him :  
 if we deny him,  
     he also will deny us :  
 if we believe not,  
     yet he abideth faithful :  
     he cannot deny himself.

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God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is accepted with him.

The world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.

Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his days be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him.

The righteous, and the wise, and their works are in the hand of God.

A just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again.

Is not the Lord your God with you? and hath he not given you rest on every side?

The Lord will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish.

A good man obtaineth favour of the Lord.

The way of the Lord is strength to the upright.

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Let them that suffer according to the will of God, commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth ;  
therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty :  
for he maketh sore, and bindeth up ;  
he woundeth, and his hands make whole.  
He shall deliver thee in six troubles ;  
yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.  
Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age,  
like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season.

Ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children,  
“My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord,  
nor faint when thou art rebuked of him :  
for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth,  
and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.”

God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.  
Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God,  
that he may exalt you in due time : casting all your care  
upon him, for he careth for you.

God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

Submit yourselves therefore to God.

Draw nigh to God,

and he will draw nigh to you.

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord,  
and he shall lift you up.

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you : but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings ; that when his glory shall be revealed, ye

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may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you.

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Ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the Lord your God giveth you.

There remaineth a rest unto the people of God.

It is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; and to you who are troubled, rest with us.

The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs, and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, and they shall walk and not faint.

Ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the Lord will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your reward.

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If God be for us, who can be against us?

The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.

The Lord your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it, and passing over he will preserve it.



As for our redeemer, the Lord of hosts is his name.

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The Lord is in his holy temple :  
let all the earth keep silence before him.

The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner : this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

In the last days it shall come to pass that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills ; and people shall flow unto it.

Men shall worship him, every one from his place, even all the isles of the heathen.

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The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth.

We see not yet all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour ; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

We have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the World.

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just one, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.

We would see Jesus.

Come, see a man which told me all things that ever I did : is not this the Christ ?

It was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. Beloved, now are we the sons of God; and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

At that day shall a man look to his Maker,  
and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel.

I will wait upon the Lord, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.

Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God.

I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me.

I would seek unto God,  
and unto God would I commit my cause;  
which doeth great things and unsearchable;  
marvellous things without number:  
who giveth rain upon the earth,  
and sendeth waters upon the fields:  
to set up on high those that be low,  
that those which mourn may be exalted to safety.

Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him.

He knoweth the way that I take:  
when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things

which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

He which hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

The Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom.

The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.

Thy God, whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

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There is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few.

The Lord hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years.

The God of my father hath been with me.

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Know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart, and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him: but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him.

Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth.

Thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

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He that spared not his own Son, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

The gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

We have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit of God, that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

The kingdom of God is not meat and drink ; but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom, which cannot be moved, let us give grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear : for our God is a consuming fire.

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When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid ;  
 yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.  
 Be not afraid of sudden fear,  
 neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.  
 For the Lord shall be thy confidence,  
 and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.

It is even the time of Jacob's trouble ; but he shall be saved out of it.

Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.

Say not thou, "I will recompense evil": but wait on the Lord, and he shall save thee.

There is no wisdom, nor understanding, nor counsel,  
against the Lord.

Consider the work of God : for who can make that straight  
which he hath made crooked ?

In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence :  
and his children shall have a place of refuge.  
The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life,  
to depart from the snares of death.

The name of the Lord is a strong tower :  
the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

The fear of the Lord tendeth to life :  
and he that hath it shall abide satisfied ;  
he shall not be visited with evil.

The fear of man bringeth a snare :  
but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.

By mercy and truth iniquity is purged :  
and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil.

Let not thine heart envy sinners :  
but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long.

What shall we then answer the messengers of the nation ?  
That the Lord hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people  
shall trust in it.

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Every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he  
faileth not.

He discovereth deep things out of darkness,  
and bringeth out to light the shadow of death.

Arise, shine ; for thy light is come,  
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.  
The sun shall be no more thy light by day ;  
neither for brightness shall the morn give light unto thee :  
but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light,  
and thy God thy glory.  
Thy sun shall no more go down ;  
neither shall thy moon withdraw itself :

for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light,  
and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

The people which sat in darkness saw great light :  
and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death,  
light is sprung up.

It shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be  
light.

The path of the just is as the shining light,  
that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Our Lord Jesus Christ hath abolished death, and hath  
brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

In him was life ; and the life was the light of men. And  
the light shineth in darkness.

The thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light.

Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead,  
and Christ shall give thee light.

Upon whom doth not his light arise ?

For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness,  
hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge  
of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

This is the message which we have heard of him, and  
declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness  
at all.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and  
cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no  
variableness, neither shadow of turning.

The darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

Now we see through a glass, darkly ;  
but then face to face :  
now I know in part ;  
but then shall I know even as also I am known.

We all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of

the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

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God hath not given us the spirit of fear ; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them : for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee ; he will not fail thee nor forsake thee.

The Lord, he it is that doth go before thee ; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee : fear not, neither be dismayed.

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear ; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you.

Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show you to-day.

Stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.

Your eyes have seen all the great acts of the Lord which he did.

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Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God ; and let the Lord do that which is good in his sight.

Be strong, and of good courage, dread not, nor be dismayed. Arise and be doing, and the Lord be with thee.

Be strong, and of good courage, and do it : fear not, nor be dismayed ; for the Lord God, even my God, will be with thee ; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord.

Be ye strong, therefore, and let not your hands be weak : for your work shall be rewarded.

Deal courageously, and the Lord shall be with the good.

Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him : for there be more with us than with him : with him is an arm

of flesh ; but with us is the Lord our God, to help us, and to fight our battles.

The Lord is with you, while ye be with him : and if ye seek him, he will be found of you : but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon him for ?

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When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient to his voice (for the Lord thy God is a merciful God) ; he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers, which he swore unto them. For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and ask from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it ? Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live ? Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord he is God in heaven above, and on the earth beneath : there is none else. Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, for ever.

We ought to obey God rather than man.

Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life.

Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day : lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein : and when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied ; then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the



land of Egypt from the house of bondage ; who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought ; where there was no water ; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint ; who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end ; and thou say in thine heart, " My power, and the might of mine hand, hath gotten me this wealth."

Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace :

thereby good shall come unto thee.

Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth,

and lay up his words in thine heart.

And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knowest not, neither did thy fathers know, that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.

Cleave unto the Lord your God, as ye have done this day.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Consecrate yourselves to-day to the Lord.

Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Now it is high time to awake out of our sleep.

Let us not sleep as do others, but let us watch and be sober.

Awake to righteousness and sin not.

Consider the apostle and high priest of our profession,  
Christ Jesus.

Take good heed unto yourselves, that ye love the Lord  
your God.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart,  
and lean not unto thine own understanding.  
In all thy ways acknowledge him,  
and he shall direct thy paths.  
Be not wise in thine own eyes :  
fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

Believe in the Lord your God,  
so shall ye be established ;  
believe his prophets,  
so shall ye prosper.

If thou wouldest seek unto God betimes, and make thy  
supplication to the Almighty ; if thou wert pure and upright ;  
surely now he would awake for thee, and make the habita-  
tion of thy righteousness prosperous. Though thy beginning  
was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase.

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The grass withereth, the flower fadeth :  
but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Every word of God is pure :  
he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

God is not a man, that he should lie ; neither the son of  
man, that he should repent : hath he said, and shall he not  
do it ? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good ?

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We are saved by hope.

We through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness  
by faith.

The Lord will be the hope of his people.

This I recall to my mind,  
therefore have I hope.

"It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed,  
because his compassions fail not.

They are new every morning :  
great is thy faithfulness.

The Lord is my portion, saith my soul ;  
therefore will I hope in him.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for him,  
to the soul that seeketh him.

It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for  
the salvation of the Lord.

It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

He sitteth alone and keepeth silence,  
because he hath borne it upon him.

For the Lord will not cast off for ever :

but though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion  
according to the multitude of his mercies.

For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men."

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For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again: neither doth God respect any person; yet doth he devise means that his banished be not expelled from him.

He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

There is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all.

Ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins.

He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces.

His servants shall serve him: and they shall see his face;

and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there ; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun ; for the Lord God giveth them light : and they shall reign for ever and ever.

The light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day when the Lord bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

## PRIVATE DEVOTIONS

### I

[*From the "Prayers upon the Psalms," in the 1595 edition of the Scots Metrical Psalter.*]

O Good Lord, the only searcher of men's hearts, howsoever we are compassed about on all sides with infinite dangers, yet we beseech Thee to show forth to us Thy favour and Thy goodwill, without which we should immediately perish. Suffer not, O Lord, that our hearts be bent on things earthly, but that we may follow Thy commandments and ever aspire to that heavenly bliss which Jesus Christ Thy Son hath gained for us by His own blood.

Good and gracious God, who desirest nothing but the health and salvation of them that trust in Thee, extend Thy goodness and infinite mercies upon us Thy poor servants, and put away all our iniquities; that we, being governed by Thy holy Spirit, may walk uprightly in Thy holy commandments without any wavering, that in the end we may enjoy the bliss obtained for us by Thy Son, Christ Jesus.

Merciful Father, who desirest not the death but rather the life and amendment of the sinner, extend Thy grace, mercy and goodness upon us, and bury all our iniquities; that, being guarded by Thy goodness, we may rejoice in Thee, living in all uprightness, as we are instructed by Thy Son, Jesus Christ.

O righteous Father, whom the world knows not, imprint Thy fear in our hearts, that it may chase away all wickedness and iniquity from us. Prepare our hearts for all good works, that we, depending on Thy providence and living under the shadow of Thy wings, may be replenished with the abundance of Thy blessings, promised and prepared for all whom Thou hast given to Jesus Christ, Thy Son.

Almighty God, of whom proceedeth all our sufficiency, assist us by Thy holy Spirit, that we may neither think nor do anything against Thy holy will. Hear our prayers, defeat our enemies, and comfort us by the self-same Spirit, that we may continually feel Thy fatherly favour and goodwill, which Thou showest to Thine own children, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son.

O Lord, who by Thy providence guidest and governest all things, and who hast sent to us Thy well-beloved Son, for to deliver us from sin and death, by the oblation of His body on the Cross; grant that we continually may acknowledge this Thy great and inestimable benefit, and that we ever have our hearts and mouths open to pronounce Thy praises among all men, by Thy self-same Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Good Lord and God almighty, who for the fulfilling of Thy holy promises hast sent unto us Thy dear Son, our King and Redeemer, grant that we may so order ourselves, under the obedience of Thy holy word, that we may renounce ourselves and all our carnal affections, and that we may be an occasion to all people to celebrate Thy holy name, throughout the whole earth; and that, through the self-same Christ, our only Saviour.

O Lord, the just Judge of all the world, who hast given us Thy holy love to govern us after Thy holy will, grant us of Thy grace that we, renouncing all impiety and hypocrisy, may serve Thee in spirit and truth, may call upon Thee in all our necessities, and magnify Thy holy name, until Thy salvation appear which Thou hast promised unto us, by Thy dear Son Jesus Christ.

Almighty God, the help and defence of all them that fear Thee, grant that we may safely live under the safeguard and protection of Thy well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Grant also that the kingdom of Thy great power may prosper and be advanced daily more and more, and that we, being settled upon Thy promises, may render unto Thee sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving, both now and evermore.

O Lord God, the only founder of Thy kirk, augment and increase daily the number of the faithful by the preaching of Thy holy evangel, that the darkness of ignorance may be

chased out of the world, and Thy name be known over all, and that all men may resort, out of all parts, to render themselves under the obedience of Thy word, and may reverence Thee in their whole hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Eternal God, who makest all things to turn to the best for them that love Thee, and who preservest and keepest all them that commit themselves to Thy protection ; grant us of Thy bountiful grace that we, being delivered from all dangers, may in the end enjoy that salvation which is won for us by Jesus Christ, thine only Son, our Saviour.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast wrought the redemption of man after a marvellous manner, in sending Thine only Son for the fulfilling of the promises made unto our fathers ; open up more and more the knowledge of that salvation, so that in all places of the earth Thy truth and power may be made known, to the intent that all nations may praise, honour, and glorify Thee, through the self-same Son, Jesus Christ.

Most pitiful and loving Father, who ceasest not by all means and ways to draw us to love, fear, and obey Thee, and to keep Thy holy statutes and commandments ; behold not, O our gracious God, our vanity and unthoughtfulness, but have regard to Thy promises and look unto the bond that Thou hast made with us who walk in Thy fear ; and suffer us never to be robbed of the inestimable fruit of the redemption purchased by the blood of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and only Saviour.

Most loving Father, without whose blessing we are altogether poor and miserable creatures, imprint Thy holy word in all our hearts, in such wise that our whole pleasure and delight may be to serve Thee in all fear and reverence. Grant that we may be so merciful towards our poor neighbours that we may also have a sure feeling of Thy mercy and goodness, when Thou shalt come to judge the world by Him whom Thou hast ordained to be our Lord and Sovereign, Jesus Christ.

Almighty God, the only deliverer of poor and miserable creatures, who hast delivered us from the servitude of sin and from the tyranny of Satan, by means of Thy Son, Jesus

Christ, the Saviour of the world; grant unto us that we, acknowledging so great and mighty deliverances, may walk safely under Thy government in all holiness of life, until we attain to the full possession of the true land of the living, where we may continually praise Thee.

O heavenly Father, creator of heaven and earth, who hast received us into Thy protection, suffer not our afflictions so to overcome us that we cast off all confidence in Thee; but rather prosper and conduct all our enterprises, and give a happy end and issue to all our business, that we may continually be more and more assured that we are of the number of those whom Thou hast chosen to salvation, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son.

O eternal God, the only founder and keeper of Thy kirk, seeing that, contrary to all worldly judgment and opinion, Thou daily augmentest and increasest the number of Thine own; grant that we, being placed under the government of Jesus Christ, the only chief and head thereof, may be comforted by Thy most holy Word, and strengthened and confirmed by Thy sacraments, to the intent that we all, with one heart and mouth, may glorify Thee, every one edifying the others in holiness of life and godly conversation.

O loving Father, who by Thine oath hast promised to us a Saviour, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Thou hast not deceived us, but hast given Him unto us, as Thy word hath declared and by Thy sacrament Thou hast confirmed. Yea, He hath further promised unto us that He will abide with us, until the consummation of the world. Therefore, dear Father, we beseech Thee that Thou wilt bless us in all our turns, govern us, and replenish us with joy. Let Thy crown and kingdom abide above us, and preserve us in peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son.

Creator of heaven and earth, however it be that the affairs and cares of this world do greatly trouble, molest, and avert us from rendering unto Thee that honour and obedience which is due unto Thee; yet we beseech Thee that, forgetting all other things, we may have no other aim but to praise and glorify Thee all the days of our life, for the great benefits which we continually receive at Thy hands, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Most worthy art Thou, O good and gracious God, of all praises, even for Thine own sake who surpassest all things in holiness. By Thee only we are made holy and sanctified. We praise Thee for our glorious redemption, purchased for us in Thy dearly beloved Son Christ Jesus, as our duty continually bids us. Give us therefore Thy holy Spirit to govern us. And grant that all things which breathe with life may praise Thee as the true life of all creatures, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who reigneth with Thee and the holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever.

Father of all mercies, who delightest not in the death of a sinner, extend Thy compassion upon us, and wash us from all our sins that we have committed against Thy holy Majesty since the time we first entered this world. Create in us a clean heart, and strengthen us continually with the power of Thy holy Spirit, that we, being wholly consecrated to Thy service, may set forth Thy praises, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Pitiful Father, who art full of mercy, who never rejectest the prayer of them that call upon Thee in truth and verity; have mercy upon us, and destroy the multitude of our iniquities, according to the truth of Thy promise which Thou hast promised unto us and on which we repose our whole confidence, according as we are taught by the Word of Thy Son, our only Saviour.

Eternal God, who hast appointed Thine only Son for our King and Priest, that we might be sanctified by the sacrifice of His body upon the Cross; grant that we may so be partakers of His benefits that we may renounce our own selves and serve Him in all holiness and purity of life, and may offer up spiritual sacrifices that may be pleasant and acceptable unto Thee, through the self-same Jesus Christ.

O sweet and gracious Lord, grant us of Thy grace that we may never be so envious of the prosperous estate of the ungodly that we decline from the right trade of the godly, but that we may be more and more assured of Thy goodness and providence, in such wise that our whole end may be to be perpetually conjoined with Thee, through Thine only Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Father of light and fountain of all goodness, be helpful unto us in time of our affliction; and when we are in greatest danger, withdraw not Thyself back from us; yea, whatsoever thing fall unto us, strengthen our hearts that we may have a continual hope of all the good things that Thou hast promised to us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mighty Lord, who resistest the proud and givest strength to the humble ones, suffer us not to lift up ourselves in any proud opinion or conceit of ourselves in any good things, but that we may think humbly of ourselves before Thy divine majesty, without feigning, and that we may mortify ourselves daily more and more, in such wise that in all our doings we may continually feel Thy fatherly favour, mercy, and assistance, through Jesus Christ Thy Son.

Heavenly Father, who hast adopted us to be Thy children, grant that, passing through this corrupted world in such integrity and cleanness that none shall have any just occasion to complain of us, we may in the end be partakers of that celestial heritage that is prepared for us in the heavens, through Jesus Christ our only Saviour.

O God, only wise and good, who never ceasest to show unto Thine elect how greatly Thou lovest and favourest them, but chiefly when Thou gavest unto us a King and Saviour, Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, to assure us of the truth of Thy promises; we beseech Thee, grant us Thy grace to render unto Him such obedience that we may in the end enjoy the fruit of our faith, that is, the salvation of our souls.

O Lord of all mercy and full of all benignity, who chastisest men in diverse ways to make them return unto Thee, suffer not, O Father, that we through our unthankfulness forget Thine inestimable benefits and most singular deliverances which Thou hast bestowed on us from day to day; but grant that we may continually be careful and mindful to consider all the days of our life Thy gift incomparable, which Thou ever givest to us, through Jesus Christ.

Mighty Lord, to whom all glory and honour do justly appertain, since it hath pleased Thee to cause us to understand Thy will by Thy holy word, grant likewise that we may receive the same with all reverence and that we may have a feeling of

the force and strength thereof, that thereby we may be reformed in all holiness of life, that in the end we may enjoy the heritage promised to all them that are adopted in Thy well-beloved Son, Christ Jesus.

## II

FROM EIGHT PRAYERS UPON THE LORD'S PRAYER, IN THE  
SCOTTISH CATECHISM OF 1552

## (1)

O our Father, Eternal God, who hast made us and all creatures, but hast made us in Thine own likeness, and all the rest of Thy creatures for us, and hast given us dominion over all that is in earth, water, and air, and hast caused the heavens, the sun, the moon, and the stars to render us service, and hast given command to Thy angels to keep us, speedily defend us from all evil, and give us all good. Give us grace, O Eternal Father, that we may have evermore brotherly love, and may know ourselves verily as brothers and sisters, to help one another, and to pray for one another to Thee our Eternal Father. Take from us all discord and individual love of self and of our own profit, that we may say with truth: O our Father, Eternal God, who art in heaven, not shut up in heaven, but who art in all places by substance, presence, and power, and who by faith and grace dwellest in all just men and women, and who in the heavenly kingdom dost show Thine eternal glory, joy, and bliss; give us grace, O Father Eternal, to have sure hope of coming to that glory, and of being dwellers in heaven with Thee evermore.

## (2)

O God almighty, our Eternal Father, give us grace that Thy name which is holy, praised, and blessed in itself evermore, and also by Angels in heaven, might be known, thanked, and praised among us to whom Thou hast given Thy name to know and to be called Thy sons, and after Thy Son's name, Christian men; grant us that our minds, our words and works, our teaching and life, be conformed to Thy godly will, expressed and shown to us in Thy Son's evangel, that men

seeing our good conversation may praise Thy name that works all good in us. Grant, good Father, that evil Christian men, who dishonour Thy Son's name by vicious life, may be reformed in mind, word, and deed, and lead their life after His teaching to the glory of Thy name.

## (3)

O heavenly and most merciful Father, we beseech Thee that all unfaithful nations, Turks, Pagans, and Jews, who through infidelity are subject to the kingdom of the devil, may receive and keep the evangel of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and by a living faith enter and abide in Thy spiritual kingdom of grace, made with us Thy sons, justified, and fellow-partakers of Thy eternal heritage. Grant also that Thy kingdom of grace may come to us daily more and more, by true showing of Thy godly will and Thy Son's evangel and righteousness of faith. Give us grace to persevere in Thy praise, in charity, and in the Christian life, that Thy Son's kingdom may spread and flourish over all the world, by right faith and Christian works, till Satan and all Thy Son's foes be subject under His feet. Grant, O merciful Father, that Thou mayest so reign in our hearts by grace that on the latter day we may stand at Thy right hand in the number of those whom that day Thou shalt call to Thee; and give to us entrance and possession of Thy glorious kingdom of heaven, there to reign with Thee, Who art three persons and one eternal God, in the company and fellowship of Thy holy angels, in joy and bliss without end.

## (4)

O merciful Father and mighty King, whose will the angels of heaven fulfil at all times willingly, lovingly, and perfectly, whose will no creature can resist, we know that our heart is ever evil in deed, or else inclined to evil at all times, to fulfil our own lust, to desire dominion, vengeance, our own profit and pleasure, without fear and dread of Thee, and plainly do all things contrary to Thy word and godly will. Grant us that we may, with the angels of heaven, be obedient to Thy will, perfectly, lovingly, and constantly; give Thy grace to sinners, that they may fulfil Thy will, as good men do. Guide us all in body and soul, to be evermore obedient to Thy godly will,

and to thank Thee for whatsoever Thou wilt have done with us, so that finally we may obtain the life eternal which it is Thy will to give to all true servants of Thy Son Jesus Christ.

(5)

O merciful Father, almighty God, though Thou knowest what we need before ever we open our mouth to ask Thee, and dost forbid us to be careful for food and clothing, since all necessary things shall be given to us, if so be that we seek first the kingdom of God and the righteousness of it, nevertheless, after Thy own bidding, we dare ask now our daily bread, which is necessary to our bodily sustenance, beseeching Thee also to feed our souls with the pure word that cometh forth out of thy mouth, the true word of God. Give us the bread that cometh forth from heaven and giveth life to the world.

(6)

O heavenly and merciful Father, considering our own infirmity, frailty, and inclination to sin, whereby we fall into sin daily, we beseech Thee to forgive us all our sins and all penalties that we have deserved for our sins. Give strength to our spirit that we may firmly believe that Thou, O heavenly Father, hast forgiven us all our sins freely, for Thy Son's blood. And that the token which Thy Son has given to us of free forgiveness may comfort our minds, give us grace to overcome our own wicked and revengeful heart, to forgive our enemies with our heart, to love them, to pray for them, to do good to them, that so doing we may obtain at Thy merciful hand forgiveness of all our sins, for the merits of Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

(7)

Since so it is, O merciful Father, that all our life upon earth is one continual battle, and that with such enemies that we cannot escape their temptation, give us grace to refrain our hearts from consenting to their temptation. Give us grace so to live in the company of worldly people, that we be not drawn to evil by their evil counsel and example or persecution. Give us grace, strength, and power so by faith to resist the power of the devil that we be not overcome by his subtle provocations.

(8)

O mighty and merciful Father, God eternal, who correctest and chastisest those whom Thou lovest, and scourgest with temporal adversity all Thy sons whom Thou receivest to Thy favour, Thou forgivest them their sins in time of their trouble. Thou wilt oftentimes wound them and cure their wounds again; Thy hand strikes them and heals them again. Give us grace, good Lord, that we neglect not Thy discipline and fatherly correction, but when it is Thy godly will to send us temporal adversity, we beseech Thee give us also spiritual consolation and comfort therein, through hope of the eternal joy and glory to come. And not according to our sensual will, but according to Thy godly will, deliver us from all dangers and perils of fire and water, of lightning and thunder, of hunger and dearth, sedition and battle, of quarrel and annoyance, sickness and pestilence, prison and banishment, unforeseen and sudden death, and other adversities, calamities, and troubles of this present world, so that by them we may be not overcome in our mind by impatience, murmuring, or any other sin contrary to Thy godly will. And when it pleaseth Thee to send any of them to us for our trial and just correction, give us also patience, comfort, and consolation, that we may be in this world so corrected and punished by Thy merciful hand, that we may escape the pains eternal.

## III

[*From "The Palatine Catechism," as used in the Church of Scotland from 1591 onwards.*]

1. What is thy only comfort in life and in death?

That in soul and body, whether I live or die, I am not mine own, but belong wholly to my most faithful Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who by His precious blood, most fully satisfying for my sins, hath delivered me from all the power of the devil, and so preserveth me that, without the will of my heavenly Father, not so much as a hair may fall from my head: yea, all things are made to serve for my safety. Wherefore by His Spirit also he assureth me of everlasting life, and maketh me ready and prepared, that henceforth I may live to Him.



## 21. What is faith?

It is not only a knowledge, by which I stedfastly assent to all things which God hath revealed unto us in his word, but also an assured trust kindled in my heart by the holy Ghost through the gospel, by which I rest upon God, making sure account that forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and life is bestowed not only upon others but also upon me, and that freely by the mercy of God, for the merit and desert of Christ alone.

22. What are those things which a Christian man must of necessity believe?

All those things that are promised unto us in the gospel ; the sum whereof is briefly comprised in the apostles' creed, or in the chief heads of the catholic and undoubted faith of all Christians.

## 23. What is that creed of the apostles ?

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord : who was conceived of the holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty ; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the holy Ghost, the catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the flesh, and the life everlasting. Amen.

26. What believest thou when thou sayest, I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

I believe the everlasting Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who created of nothing the heaven and the earth, and all things that are therein, who likewise upholdeth and governeth the same by his eternal counsel and providence, to be my God and my Father for Christ's sake : and therefore I do so trust in him and so rely on him that I may not doubt but he will provide all things necessary both for my soul and body. And further, whatsoever evils he sendeth on me in this troublesome life, he will turn them to my safety, seeing he is both able to do it, as being God almighty, and willing to do it, as being a bountiful Father.

54. What believest thou of the catholic church of Christ?

I believe that the Son of God doth by his holy Spirit and by the Word gather to himself out of all mankind, from the beginning of the world unto the end, a congregation chosen to everlasting life, agreeing in true faith, and doth maintain and preserve the same; and that I am a living member of that congregation, and shall so for ever abide.

55. What meaneth the communion of saints?

*First*: that all and every one of the believers have fellowship with Christ and all his benefits as being members of him. *Secondly*: that everyone who hath received gifts ought to employ them readily and cheerfully for the common profit and salvation of all.

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[*From Calvin's "Catechism of the Christian Religion," as used in the Scottish Church from 1564 onwards.*]

What meaneth this word, *catholic* or universal?

It serveth to put us in remembrance that as there is but one head of the faithful, even so it behoveth them to be knit together in one body, so that there be not divers Churches but one Church only, dispersed throughout the whole world.

Declare as touching the *communion of saints*.

That clause is put to for a more plain declaration of the unity of the members of Christ's church. Moreover it doeth us to understand that all the benefits that Christ has given to his Churches belong to the profit and salvation of every faithful person, for so much as they have all a community together.

Wherefore dost thou make mention of *remission of sins* immediately after that thou hast spoken of the Church?

Because that no man can receive forgiveness of his sins unless he be joined in fellowship of God's people, and so continue in the unity of Christ's body even to the end, like a true member of his Church.

What is the right faith?

It is a sure persuasion and steadfast knowledge of God's tender love towards us, according as He hath plainly uttered



in His gospel that He will be both a Father and a Saviour unto us, through the means of Jesus Christ.

## IV

[*From the "Veni Creator," as printed in the 1595 edition of the Scots Metrical Psalter.*]

Come, holy Ghost, eternal God,  
proceeding from above,  
Both from the Father and the Son,  
the God of peace and love.  
Visit our minds and into us  
thy heavenly grace inspire,  
That in all truth and godliness  
we may have true desire.

Thou art the very Comforter  
in all woe and distress,  
The heavenly gift of God most high,  
which no tongue can express ;  
The fountain and the living spring  
of joy celestial,  
The fire so bright, the love so clear,  
and unction spiritual.

Thou in Thy gifts art manifold,  
whereby Christ's kirk doth stand,  
In faithful hearts writing Thy law,  
the finger of God's hand.  
According to Thy promise made  
Thou gavest speech of grace,  
That through Thy help the praise of God  
May stand in every place.

To us such plenty of Thy grace,  
good Lord, grant, we Thee pray,  
That Thou mayest be our Comforter  
At the last dreadful day.  
Of all strife and dissension,  
O Lord, dissolve the bands,  
And make the knots of peace and love  
throughout all Christian lands.

Grant us, O Lord, through Thee to know  
 the Father of all might,  
 That of His dear beloved Son  
 we may attain the sight ;  
 And that with perfect faith also  
 we may acknowledge Thee,  
 The Spirit of them both alway,  
 one God in persons three.

## V

## MORNING AND EVENING PRAYERS

[At the request of the Presbytery of Haddington, in March 1595, Mr John Davidson, minister of Salt-Preston, drew up the following short morning and evening prayers, which every parish minister might give out "to be used by the unlearned of his flock."]

*Morning Prayer*

We heartily. thank Thee, Heavenly Father, for all Thy goodness this night past, beseeching Thee to forgive us our sins for Christ Jesus Thy Son's sake, and bless our labours, and guide us this day in Thy true fear. Continue the true preaching of Thy Word among us, and give us grace to esteem more of it than hitherto we have done, and save us from merciless strangers. And take not Thy peace from this land. Send us seasonable weather, and stay this great dearth. Lord bless the Kirk, our King, Queen, and Prince, for Jesus Christ Thy Son's sake ; to whom with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all praise, glory, and honour, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Evening Prayer*

We heartily thank Thee, Heavenly Father, for all Thy goodness this day past, beseeching Thee to forgive us our sins for Christ Jesus Thy Son's sake, and to bless us, and give us good rest this night. Continue the true preaching of Thy Word among us, and give us grace to esteem more of it than hitherto we have done, and save us from merciless strangers. And take not Thy peace from this land. Send us seasonable weather, and stay this great dearth. Lord bless

the Kirk, our King, Queen, and Prince, for Jesus Christ Thy Son's sake; to whom with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, for all praise, glory, and honour, for ever and ever. Amen.

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[*From "The A, B, C, or, A Catechism for Young Children : appointed by Act of the Church and Council of Scotland," 1641.*]

*Morning Prayer*

My gracious God, I bless Thee with my whole heart for Thy fatherly providence in watching over me this night: and I beseech Thee to continue Thy mercy with me both this day and the whole course of my life, to the end and in the end, that being always guided by Thy grace and guarded by Thy providence, I may spend this time of my pilgrimage in Thy fear and end it in Thy favour; through Jesus Christ, my blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

*Evening Prayer at going to Bed*

It is of Thy undeserved mercy, O God, that I have passed this day in safety without some notable inconvenience in those infinite dangers, wherein I continually cast myself through my folly. Now, I beseech Thee, good Lord, let it please Thee of Thy gracious goodness to protect me also this night; and grant me quiet rest in soul and body that I may better serve Thee in both; through Jesus Christ my gracious Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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[*From the "Book of Common Prayer," 1629.*]

O eternal and most merciful God who hast kept us from the fears and dangers of this night, and has brought us safely to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance to do always that which is righteous in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness, through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour.

And forasmuch as Thou hast appointed the night for rest as the day for labour, lighten our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; sanctify the rest of the same unto us, that we by it may be made fitter for the labour of the next day; and so, both night and day being spent according to Thy will, we may be prepared for that great day of Thine which hath no night succeeding. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of Thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

[*From the Evening Prayer in the sixteenth-century "Book of Common Order."*]

O Lord God, Father everlasting and full of pity, we acknowledge and confess that we are not worthy to lift up our eyes to heaven, much less to present ourselves before Thy majesty with confidence that Thou wilt hear our prayers and grant our requests, if we consider our own deservings. Yet Thou art our Creator, and we are the work of Thine hands; yea, Thou art our Father, and we Thy children; Thou art our Shepherd, and we Thy flock; Thou art our Redeemer, and we Thy people whom Thou hast bought; Thou art our God, and we Thine inheritance. Correct us not therefore in Thine anger, O Lord, neither according to our deserts punish us, but mercifully chastise us with a fatherly affection, that all the world may know that at what time soever a sinner doth repent him of his sin from the bottom of his heart, Thou wilt put away his wickedness out of Thy remembrance, as Thou hast promised by Thy holy prophets.

Finally, forasmuch as it hath pleased Thee to make the night for man to rest in, as Thou hast ordained him the day to travail, grant, O dear Father, that we may so take our bodily rest, that our souls may continually watch for the time

that our Lord Jesus Christ shall appear for our deliverance out of this mortal life.

## VI

[*From a sixteenth-century "Form of Prayer to be used in Private Houses every Morning and Evening."*]

*A prayer to be said before meals*

O heavenly Father, who art the fountain and full treasure of all goodness, we beseech Thee to show Thy mercies upon us Thy children, and sanctify these gifts which we receive of Thy merciful liberality, granting us grace to use them soberly and purely, according to Thy blessed will; so that hereby we may acknowledge Thee to be the Author and Giver of all good things, and above all that we may remember continually to seek the spiritual food of Thy Word, wherewith our souls may be nourished everlastingly, through our Saviour Christ, who is the true bread of life which came down from heaven, of whom whosoever eateth shall live for ever and reign with Him in glory, world without end.

*A thanksgiving before meat*

The eyes of all things do look up and trust in Thee, O Lord: Thou givest them meat in due season: Thou openest Thine hand, and fillest with Thy blessings every living creature. Good Lord, bless us and the gifts which we receive of Thy large liberality, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Another thanksgiving before meat*

We render thanks unto Thee, O Lord, for the manifold benefits which we continually receive at thy bountiful hand; not only for that it hath pleased Thee to feed us in this present life, giving unto us all things necessary for the same, but especially because Thou hast of Thy free mercies fashioned us anew into an assured hope of a far better life, the which Thou hast declared unto us by Thy holy Gospel. Therefore we humbly beseech Thee, O heavenly Father, that Thou wilt not suffer our affections to be so entangled or rooted in these earthly and corruptible things, but that we may always have our minds directed to Thee on high, continually

watching for the coming of our Lord and Saviour Christ, what time He shall appear for our full redemption: to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory for ever and ever.

## VII

[*From the sixteenth-century "Book of Common Order."*]

*A prayer necessary for all men*

Grant me the grace, I beseech Thee, to be occupied in doing of good works, which Thou commandest in holy scripture, all the days of my life, to Thy glory, and yet to trust only in Thy mercy and in Christ's merits to be purged from my sins, and not in my good works, be they never so many: give me grace to love thy word fervently, to search the scriptures diligently, to read them humbly, to understand them truly, to live after them effectually: order my self so, O Lord, that it may be always acceptable to Thee: give me grace not to rejoice in any thing that displeaseth Thee, but evermore to delight in those things that please Thee, be they never so contrary to my desires. Teach me so to pray, that my petitions may be graciously heard of Thee. Keep me upright amongst diversities of opinions and judgments in the world, that I never swerve from Thy truth taught in holy scripture. In prosperity, O Lord, save me, that I wax not proud; in adversity help me, that I never despair nor blaspheme Thy holy name, but, taking it patiently, to give Thee thanks, and trust to be delivered after Thy pleasure. When I happen to fall into sin through frailty, I beseech Thee to work true repentance in mine heart, that I may be sorry without desperation and trust in Thy mercy without presumption, that I may amend my life and become truly religious without hypocrisy, lowly in heart without fainting, faithful and trusty without deceit, merry without lightness, sad without distrust, sober without slothfulness, content with mine own without covetousness, to tell my neighbour his faults without dissimulation, to instruct my household in Thy laws truly, to obey our king and all governors under him unfeignedly, to receive all laws and common ordinances (which disagree not from Thy holy word) obediently, to pay every man that which I owe to him truly, to backbite no

man, nor slander my neighbour secretly, and to abhor all vice, loving all goodness earnestly. O Lord, grant me thus to do, for the glory of Thy name.

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*A godly prayer to be said at all times*

Honour and praise be given to Thee, O Lord God almighty, most dear Father of heaven, for all Thy mercies and loving-kindness shewed to us, in that it hath pleased Thy gracious goodness freely and of thine own accord to elect and choose us to salvation before the beginning of the world : and even like continual thanks be given to Thee for creating us after Thine own image, for redeeming us with the precious blood of Thy dear Son, when we were utterly lost, for sanctifying us with Thine holy Spirit in the revelation and knowledge of Thine holy word, for helping and succouring us in all our needs and necessities, for saving us from all dangers of body and soul, for comforting us so fatherly in all our tribulations and persecutions, for sparing us so long and giving us so large a time of repentance. These benefits, O most merciful Father, like as we acknowledge to have received them of Thine only goodness, even so we beseech Thee, for Thy dear Son Jesus Christ's sake, to grant us always Thine holy Spirit, whereby we may continually grow in thankfulness towards Thee, to be led into all truth and comforted in all our adversities. O Lord, strengthen our faith ; kindle it more in ferventness and love towards Thee and our neighbours for Thy sake. Suffer us not, most dear Father, to receive Thy word any more in vain, but grant us always the assistance of Thy grace and holy Spirit, that in heart, word, and deed, we may sanctify and do worship to Thy name.

Help us to amplify and increase Thy kingdom, that, whatsoever Thou sendest, we may be heartily well content with Thy good pleasure and will : let us not lack the thing, O Father, without which we cannot serve Thee, but bless Thou so all the works of our hands, that we may have sufficient, and not to be chargeable but rather helpful unto others.

Be merciful, O Lord, to our offences ; and seeing our debt is great, which Thou hast forgiven us in Jesus Christ, make



us to love Thee and our neighbours much the more. Be Thou our Father, our captain and defender; in all temptations hold Thou us by Thy merciful hand, that we may be delivered from all inconveniencies, and end our lives in the sanctifying and honouring of Thine holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour. So be it.

Let Thy mighty hand and outstretched arm, O Lord, be still our defence; Thy mercy and lovingkindness in Jesus Christ Thy dear Son, our salvation; Thy true and holy word, our instruction; Thy grace and holy Spirit, our comfort and consolation, unto the end and in the end. So be it.

O Lord, increase our faith.

## VIII

Grant that I may be so ravished in the wonder and love of Thee that I may forget myself and all things; may feel neither prosperity nor adversity; may not fear to suffer all the pain in the world rather than be parted and pulled away from Thee. O let me find Thee more inwardly and verily present with me than I am with myself; and make me most circumspect how I do use myself in the presence of Thee, my holy Lord.

Lord, I desire nothing neither in myself, nor in any creature, save only to know and execute Thy blessed will; saying alway in my heart, Lord, what wouldst Thou have me to do? Transform my will into Thine.

[*From Archbishop Leighton's "Spiritual Exercises."*]

And now I, unworthy as I am, do declare that I believe that Christ Jesus, who was slain at Jerusalem, was the Son of God, and the Saviour of the world; I do believe that record, that there is life eternal for men in Him and in Him only; I do this day intrust my soul unto Him; I do accept of reconciliation with God through Him, and do close with Thee as my God in Him; I choose Him in all that He is, and all that may follow Him, and do resign myself up and what I am, or have, unto Thee, desiring to be divorced from every thing hateful to Thee, and that without exception or reservation. Now with my soul, heart, head, and whole man, as I am, I



do acquiesce in my choice this day, henceforth resolving not to be my own but Thine; and that the care of whatever concerns me shall be on Thee, as my Head and Lord. As Thou art faithful, pardon what is amiss in my way of doing this thing, and accept me, in my sweet Lord Jesus, in whom I only desire pardon.

[From William Guthrie's "*The Christian's Great Interest*," 1659.]

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[From the Prayers in Henry Scougal's "*Life of God in the Soul of Man*," 1677.]

O the happiness of those souls that have broken the fetters of self-love, whose understandings are enlightened by Thy holy spirit, and their wills enlarged to the extent of Thine, who love Thee above all things, and all mankind for Thy sake! I am persuaded, O God, I am persuaded that I can never be happy till the pride and vanity of my spirit be subdued, and till I come seriously to despise the world, and think nothing of myself. But, O when shall it once be? O when wilt Thou come unto me, and satisfy my soul with Thy likeness, making me holy as Thou art holy? Hast Thou given me a prospect of so great a felicity, and wilt Thou not bring me unto it? Hast Thou excited these desires in my soul, and wilt Thou not also satisfy them? O teach me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God; Thy spirit is good, lead me into the land of uprightness. Quicken me, O Lord, for Thy name's sake, and perfect that which concerneth me: Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever, forsake not the works of Thine own hands.

Let us neither presume on our own strength, nor distrust Thy divine assistance; but while we are doing our utmost endeavours, teach us still to depend on Thee for success. Open our eyes, O God, and teach us out of Thy law. Bless us with an exact and tender sense of our duty, and a knowledge to discern perverse things. O that our ways were directed to keep Thy statutes, then shall we not be ashamed when we have respect unto all Thy commandments. Turn away our eyes from beholding vanity, and quicken Thou us in Thy law.

O that the infinite perfections of Thy blessed nature, and the astonishing expressions of Thy goodness and love, may conquer and overpower our hearts, that they may be constantly rising towards thee in flames of the devoutest affection, and enlarging themselves in sincere and cordial love towards the world for Thy sake ; and that we may cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in Thy fear, without which we can never hope to behold and enjoy Thee. Finally, O God, grant that the consideration of what Thou art, and what we ourselves are, may both humble and lay us low before thee, and also stir up in us the strongest and most ardent aspirations toward thee. We desire to resign and give up ourselves to the conduct of Thy holy Spirit ; lead us in Thy truth, and teach us, for Thou art the God of our salvation ; guide us with Thy counsel, and afterward receive us to glory, for the merits and intercession of Thy blessed Son our Saviour. Amen.

[*Lord Kinloch* : 1866, 1871.]

Grant, O most merciful Father, that in the time when I walk in darkness and have no light, I may still be enabled to trust in Thy name and to stay myself upon my God : and so do Thou help me to continue steadfast at once in faith and in hope that, patiently enduring Thy rebuke, I joyfully arrive at my deliverance, to the praise of Thy grace in Christ my only Saviour.

Most gracious Lord Christ, who has declared that whoso cometh to Thee, Thou wilt in no wise cast out, help me, I beseech Thee, in my need, to go unto Thee although darkly ; that, finding in Thee the light of life, I may both learn of Thee the truth and, steadfastly holding the same, be bold to confess Thee before men, to the praise of Thy holy Name.

Vouchsafe, O holy Spirit, to teach me those mysteries of the faith which, under Thy teaching, become as lessons to a little child ; and grant me such simple trust in the message of Thy Word that, wholly committing myself to its guidance, I may be led into the way of truth and attain eternal redemption, through Christ the only Saviour.

O God, who persuadest by Thy terrors but far more

beseechest by Thy mercies, be pleased to quicken me into compliance with the call of Thy grace ; that, no longer conformed to this world but transformed by the renewing of my mind, I may in all things do Thy will and present unto Thee a sacrifice which is holy and acceptable in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ the one only Mediator. Amen.

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